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AUSTRALIA MAKE A STAND.

EXCELLENT BATTING BEFORE LUNCH.

HENDRY & WOODFULL DEFY ENGLAND ATTACK.

OVER 80 RUNS ADDED.

This morning's play in the Second Test match at Sydney was sufficiently favourable to the Australians to revive interest to some extent, there being every indication that the team is bent on avoiding an innings defeat.

While not entirely devoting themselves to a barn-door policy, Woodfull and Hendry going out this morning against arrears of 344 runs, and with one wicket already down, played the English bowling with extreme caution, taking no chances, though punishing loose balls.

A Good Stand.

When the lunch interval was taken, they had compiled 122 runs without being separated, though A. P. F. Chapman had rung the changes on his bowlers. They added 83 runs to the over-night total, and the score represents their partnership for the second wicket so far, since Richardson was sent back for a duck.

Only 2,000 spectators were present when Woodfull and Hendry went out in brilliant weather. The wicket was playing fast.

Hendry scored more rapidly than his partner, and by excellent batting against a steady attack, he reached his 50 in 88 minutes, and later with a nice single which Chapman misfielded in the slips, sent up his side's 100.

Woodfull, "Misled."

The innings had been in progress for 123 minutes when three figures were reached, and a quarter of an hour later, shortly before lunch, Woodfull also got his half-century, swinging the ball over Geary's head. It was half a chance.

This splendid fighting cricket enabled the pair to go into lunch undefeated. Woodfull having made 62 and Hendry 68.

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	40
H. Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b Ironmonger	11
W. R. Hammond, b Ironmonger	251
D. R. Jardine, run out	23
E. Hendren, c Richardson, b Blackie	74
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Blackie	20
H. Larwood, c Ryder, b Grimmett	48
G. Geary, l.b.w., Blackie	66
M. W. Tate, l.b.w., Blackie	25
G. Duckworth, not out	39
J. C. White, c Oldfield, b Hendry	29
Extras	10
Total	634

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nothing	42	15	60	—
Grimmett	64	14	191	2
Ironmonger	68	21	142	2
Blackie	59	10	148	4
Hendry	23.1	4	52	1
Ryder	11	3	22	—
Kippax	5	3	11	—

Fall of wickets: 1 for 37 runs (Sutcliffe), 2 for 65 (Hobbs), 3 for 148 (Jardine), 4 for 293 (Hendren), 5 for 341 (Chapman), 6 for 492 (Larwood), 7 for 496 (Hammond), 8 for 523 (Tate), 9 for 539 (Geary), 10 for 636 (White).

Australia—1st Innings.

W.M. Woodfull, not out	52
V. Y. Richardson, c Hendren, b Tate	0
H. L. Hendry, not out	68
Extras	3
Total (for 1 wk.)	122

Fall of wickets: 1 for 0 runs (Richardson).

—Reuter.

RUBBER EXPORTS TO U.S.A.

INTERESTING COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

MALAYA'S HEAVY LOSS.

London, Dec. 18. Enquiries were made in the House of Commons to-day regarding the effect on the British rubber industry of the Government announcement in the early part of the year that rubber restriction would cease within six months.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, was asked to give comparative figures of the amount and value of crude rubber exported to the United States from Britain and British Colonies between April 1st and September 30th, this year and last.

Sir Philip gave the following figures: From the United Kingdom; 61,787,000 pounds valued at £3,313,000 in 1928, as compared with 42,191,000 pounds valued at £3,180,000 in 1927.

From British Malaya; 250,235,000 pounds, valued at £11,616,000 in 1928, compared with 294,097,000 pounds, valued at £22,325,000 in 1927.

From Ceylon; 32,466,000 pounds valued at £1,525,000 in 1928, compared with 40,360,000 pounds, valued at £3,043,000 in the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

PROMOTING PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYERS FAVOUR CONTACT WITH T.U.C.

COMING CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 18. Practically all the organisations of employers have made their replies regarding the agreements reached between Lord Melchett's group of employers and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to promote peace in industry.

Employers who are in touch with the feeling of their colleagues in other industries do not anticipate unqualified acceptance or rejection of all that is contained in the interim report.

It is believed that, in the main, the replies will be found to convey approval of the efforts made to secure a measure of closer co-operation in industry and a desire for joint consultation with the General Council of the Trade Union Congress.

It is stated that the vast majority of the employers have been far too interested to think of anything like unqualified rejection.

A preliminary conference of an officially representative character, may be held early in the new year.—British Wireless.

CHINA'S WIRELESS PLANTS.

TO BE HANDED OVER TO A COMMISSION.

Nanking, Dec. 18.

This morning, the Administrative Council ordered the Ministry of Communications to hand over all wireless plants and their control to the Construction Commission.

About a week ago, the Minister of Communications, Mr. Wang Peichun, tendered his resignation to the Government and opinion in the capital then was that the move had a connexion with the dispute over the control of wireless plants in China.

LATEST ARBITRATION PROPOSAL.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE SCHEME.

Washington, Dec. 18. The Sub-Committee of the Pan-American Conference on Arbitration and Conciliation has unanimously agreed to an arrangement for Treaty Conciliation embracing disputes of any kind whatever between the Republics of the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter's American Service.

PRINCE OF WALES AND MINERS.

PERSONAL APPEAL ON TAKING UP CAUSE.

'RECAPTURE SPIRIT OF WAR AND GIVE FREELY.'

LORD MAYORS' FUND.

London, Dec. 18. The Prince of Wales has taken up the cause of the distressed mining areas, and has issued a direct personal appeal on their behalf, in the course of which he says he has been painfully impressed by the suffering which exists in the South Wales and other coal-fields.

"We must all join in one combined national effort to help the women and children in these areas," adds the Prince, who at the Lord Mayor's invitation has accepted the position of Patron

BRITISH SOLDIER'S SUICIDE.

Tragic Discovery at A Shanghai Hospital.

LETTERS BURNED.

Shanghai, Dec. 19. A tragedy was revealed at the Military Hospital, Shanghai, this morning, the body of Private Monk, an R.A.M.C. orderly being found hanging from the bathroom window.

It was clearly evident that the cause was one of suicide.

It seems that before taking his life, the deceased soldier had burned a number of letters and papers.—Our Own Correspondent.

of the Lord Mayors' Fund.

The Prince of Wales now asks everyone to contribute as generously to the Fund as their means will allow.

Re-ignite Hope.

"Let us recapture the spirit of the War when we recognised every effort made by the Government as a new call to individual self-sacrifice. The Government have their duties, but each of us has also the individual duty of showing in practical ways our determination to alleviate suffering and to re-ignite hope among these distressed fellow-countrymen of ours."

Funds are coming in at the rate of £5,000 daily for the Lord Mayors' Fund for the relief of the miners in the distressed coalfields.

£25,000 Subscription.

The largest contribution so far is that of Mr. F. K. Kieberg, the chairman of the Anglo-Danish Society, who is the managing director of United Molasses.

The Government is seeking power to contribute a sum equal to that voluntarily subscribed to the Lord Mayors' Fund, and there is not likely to be opposition.—Reuter.

Merthyr's Plight.

A typical example of the plight of the miners, is to be found at Merthyr Tydvil, where as the result of a special newspaper enquiry, it has been found that at least 70 per cent. of the insurable population are on the dole.

The Employment Exchange can hardly do anything in the way of finding employment (which was the original purpose of the system), and it is necessarily almost wholly engaged in distributing the benefit.

There are over 10,000 recipients of the dole in the borough, and the last Poor Law return available shows 64 per 10,000 of the population in receipt of Poor Law relief—the highest figure in Wales.

BRITISH CONSULAR PROPERTY.

RENDITION IS EFFECTED OF WUCHOW LOT.

RESOLD TO KWANGSI.

Canton, Dec. 18. The British Consular property at Wuchow has recently been resold to the Provincial Government for the sum of HK\$25,000. The ground was acquired through the Viceroy of the Two Kwangs in 1895 for about \$1,200 (local currency) and consular offices and a residence were built on it.

In 1922, the Consulate was officially closed and left in charge of a constable, Mr. Groves, until the riots of June 1925, when Mr. Groves was obliged to evacuate hastily. The property was then left to the care of the Chinese authorities and fell into a state of considerable disrepair during the long period of the strike.

Recently General Wong Shao-hung, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, consulted Dr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Canton, as to the possibility of having the property retroceded to China.

Dr. Chu then opened negotiations with Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., acting British Consul-General in Canton, when the above satisfactory arrangement was arrived at.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Canton Gazette, referring to the retrocession, says the property, situated on a small hill in Wuchow City, was once owned by a Chinese citizen who leased it to the British quite a while back. Title deeds and official certificates changed hands and from year to year the British consular authorities made additions and improvements to the property, some \$50,000 being spent altogether.

Both Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Wong Shao-hung expressed their unbounded satisfaction over the friendly British gesture.

ANOTHER MINISTRY FOR MUSSOLINI.

TAKES SEVENTH PORTFOLIO FROM DR. FEDERZONI.

Rome, Dec. 18. Signor Mussolini has undertaken yet another Ministerial portfolio in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Luigi Federzoni, the Minister for the Colonies.

The Italian Dictator now holds seven portfolios, namely, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister for the Interior, Minister for War, Navy Secretary, Secretary for Aviation and Minister for Colonies.

The Cabinet now consist of seven members only.—Reuter.

HUGE DAM PLANNED IN UNITED STATES.

COLORADO RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION.

Washington, Dec. 18. The House of Representatives by 166 votes to 122 has accepted the Senate amendments to the Swing-Johnson Boulder Dam Bill, which provides for the construction of a huge dam on the Colorado River at Black Canyon for the purposes of flood protection, irrigation and power.

The cost of the dam is estimated to be \$165,000,000.

The Bill will now go to White House for the Presidential Assent.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. AND KELLOGG PEACE PACT.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVOURABLY.

Washington, Dec. 18. The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, by fourteen votes to two, has decided to report the Kellogg Pact favourably to the Senate for ratification.

President Coolidge has asked for ratification of the Pact before his term of office expires and it is not anticipated that any difficulty will arise.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI HOTEL ROBBERY.

WEALTHY LADY'S ROOM RANSACKED.

TWO FOREIGNERS SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

Shanghai, Dec. 14. A Shanghai hotel room robbery involving thousands of dollars worth of jewellery and a considerable sum of money, yesterday morning was partly cleared up by Detective-Sergeants Widdowson and Bebenin when they recovered a major portion of the loot, which had been cleverly hidden in the hotel. Arrests are expected to-day.

The robbery was that of the room of Mrs. E. R. F. Stewart, wealthy widow of an Australian merchant of Sydney. On Wednesday morning she was in the hotel when the robbery took place. She was not hurt, but her room was ransacked and her jewellery and cash were stolen.

The firm of David Lloyd and Piggott's submitted evidence dwelling on the difficulties marking would make for the distributing and retail trades. Marking would tend to enhance the price of tea for the poorer classes and open the door to fraud.

After consultation, the B.O.T. committee decided to hear certain evidence in camera and the enquiry was adjourned until January 14th.—Reuter.

SIX PERSONS HACKED WITH CHOPPER.

Servant Runs Amuck in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 19. A Chinese servant ran amuck in the house of a well-known Chinese resident, Mr. Chao Gien-siang this morning, attacking the occupants and hacking Mr. Chao, his wife and three-year-old child and severely injuring them.

The wife's mother, maid and servant were all hurt and with the others removed to hospital. The assailant lost his head following his master's refusal to lend him \$40.—Our Own Correspondent.

RECENT NANKING ROWDYISM.

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BIG BRITISH STEEL AMALGAMATION.

DORMAN, LONG'S TO JOIN WITH VAUGHAN'S.

London, Dec. 18. Sir Arthur Dorman, the well-known ironmaster and colliery owner, presiding at the annual meeting of Messrs. Dorman, Long and Company, foreshadowed the amalgamation of the company with Messrs. Blockow, Vaughan and Co. Dorman, Long's control huge iron and steel interests in Yorkshire. Only a few years ago they acquired the undertakings of Sir B. Samuelson and Co., Ltd., who own coal-mines as well as important ironworks.—Reuter.

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OVER FORTY AT SCRAPPING PRICES.

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OPENING DOOR TO FRAUD?

KEEN OPPOSITION TO TEA MARK ORDER.

EVIDENCE IN CAMERA.

London, Dec. 18. Further strong opposition to the application to the Board of Trade for an order requiring a mark of origin on imported tea was offered at the resumption of the inquiry to-day.

Among those who gave evidence for the opposition was the managing director of Lipton's, who said he did not think that such an order would be to the advantage of the country's trade or to the bulk of the British consumers.

Recently, he declared, there had been a more insistent demand for the lower grades of Indian and Ceylon teas, and less demand for the foreign.

A representative of the William Wright Company said it would not be possible to sell tea in Glasgow at 1/4d. per lb. unless it was blended with foreign tea.

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BALANCING POINT OF ILLNESS.

KING'S EBB AND FLOW IMPORTANT.

DEFINITE, IF SLIGHT TURN FOR THE BETTER.

PROGRESS CONTINUES.

Long consultations were held by the King's medical advisers at Buckingham Palace to-day, following His Majesty's relapse last night. Sir Stanley Hewett was joined at the Palace by Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson at about seven o'clock and at 8.10 p.m. the following bulletin was posted:

"The King has passed a quiet day and the progress noted this morning has continued."

(Signed) Stanley Hewett.
Hugh Rigby.
Dawson of Penn.

The morning bulletin which was posted at 11 a.m. stated:

"In spite of the King having passed a disturbed night, there is a slight improvement in both the local and general conditions."

It was also officially stated at three o'clock in the afternoon, that the King's improvement noted in the morning bulletin has been maintained, and therefore, to-day's news may be regarded as definitely better.

Setback Temporary.

Although no authoritative comment on the situation was obtainable in Palace circles, it is understood that the more favourable report this morning indicates that the slight setback which gave rise to increased anxiety last night was, as hoped, merely temporary.

His Majesty has apparently recovered part of the ground lost yesterday.

Critical Balance.

It is pointed out in medical circles that the illness is at a balancing point, a very critical balance. His Majesty's recovery depends upon developments in the course of the next two or three days, and his medical advisers are therefore recording the ebb and flow.

This morning's bulletin is taken to show that the King still has recuperative power.

Thousands of people thronged the approaches to Buckingham Palace awaiting news of His Majesty and the posting of the bulletins to-day. The evening bulletin was read with much gratification.

Slight Progress.

It was afterwards stated by a most authoritative source that the King to-day had made further slight progress, and that he is now in a somewhat better position than could have been stated thirty-six hours ago.

In Palace circles to-night, the position was regarded with much greater satisfaction and the recent air of restrained optimism has been renewed.

More Ray Therapy.

Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods attended at the Palace to-night and gave His Majesty another application of Ray Therapy treatment.

It cannot be said that any steady progress has been made, but it is hoped that the ultra-violet rays will assist the King in his struggle against the infection.

With reference to the announcement yesterday that the New Year's Honours List has been postponed, it is understood that the alterations in arrangements will not interfere with the usual half-yearly promotions in the fighting services.—Reuter and British Wireless.

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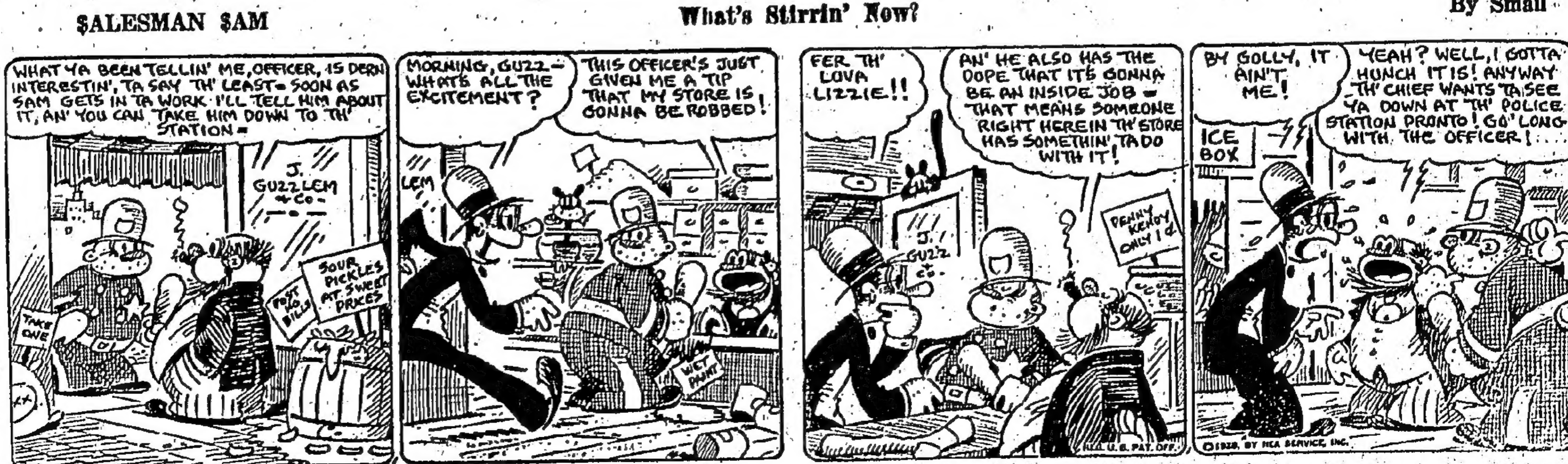


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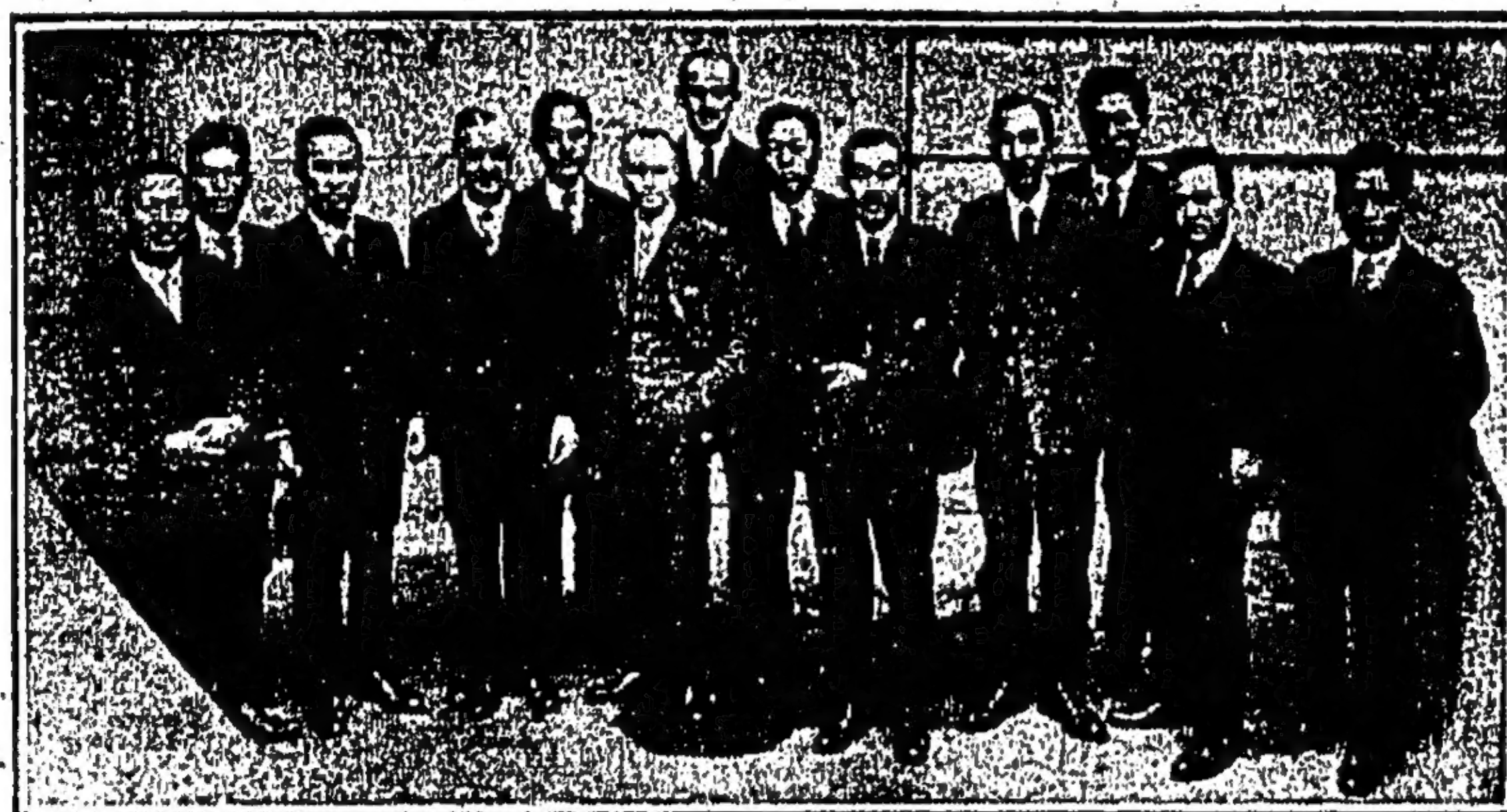
A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnized in Shanghai on December 2, when Miss Sumay Wu became the bride of Mr. Charles C. Moh. The above bridal group was taken after the wedding ceremony, which was largely attended.



A picture showing Mr. Hoover casting a vote at the recent presidential election. He voted at Stanford University where he ranks as a private citizen. It is not disclosed for whom he cast his vote.



A Federal revenue officer and another man were killed and \$2,000,000 worth of damage resulted from a spectacular fire at Philadelphia. Nearly 750,000 gallons of alcohol, in the Publicker Commercial Alcohol Company plant, a government supervised distillery, exploded and wrecked the building before firemen could check the blaze.



A group taken in the Administration Building of the Shanghai Municipal Council recently on the occasion of the visit of a party of professors of science from various universities in Japan. In the picture, reading from left to right are among others: Mr. C. Harpur, (fourth from left), Dr. T. Kato, Professor of the Imperial University, Tokyo; Mr. Pope and Mr. J. R. Jones.



Picture taken on the occasion of the arrival in Shanghai of M. Koechlin, the new French Consul-General who is second from the left in the front.



A group of Shanghai ladies taken recently after a splendid run with the Paper Hunt Club.



The prize-winning trio in the Shanghai Musical Festival's Schubert concert organized by the B. W. A. Musical Section were Mrs. O. L. Jordan (piano), Miss L. Kuzmenko (cello), and Mr. D. Levy (violin).



Farewell banquet which was given to the Zionist envoy, Mr. Gero, Krishovsky. From left to right at the top: Mrs. P. H. Shastri, Prof. P. H. Shastri, Mrs. N. E. B. Ezra, Mr. H. Epstein, Mr. N. E. B. Ezra, Mr. Gero, Krishovsky, Rabbi Ashkenazi, Mr. H. Kammerling, Mr. D. G. M. Aronovsky, and Mr. Alexander N. Fishman.

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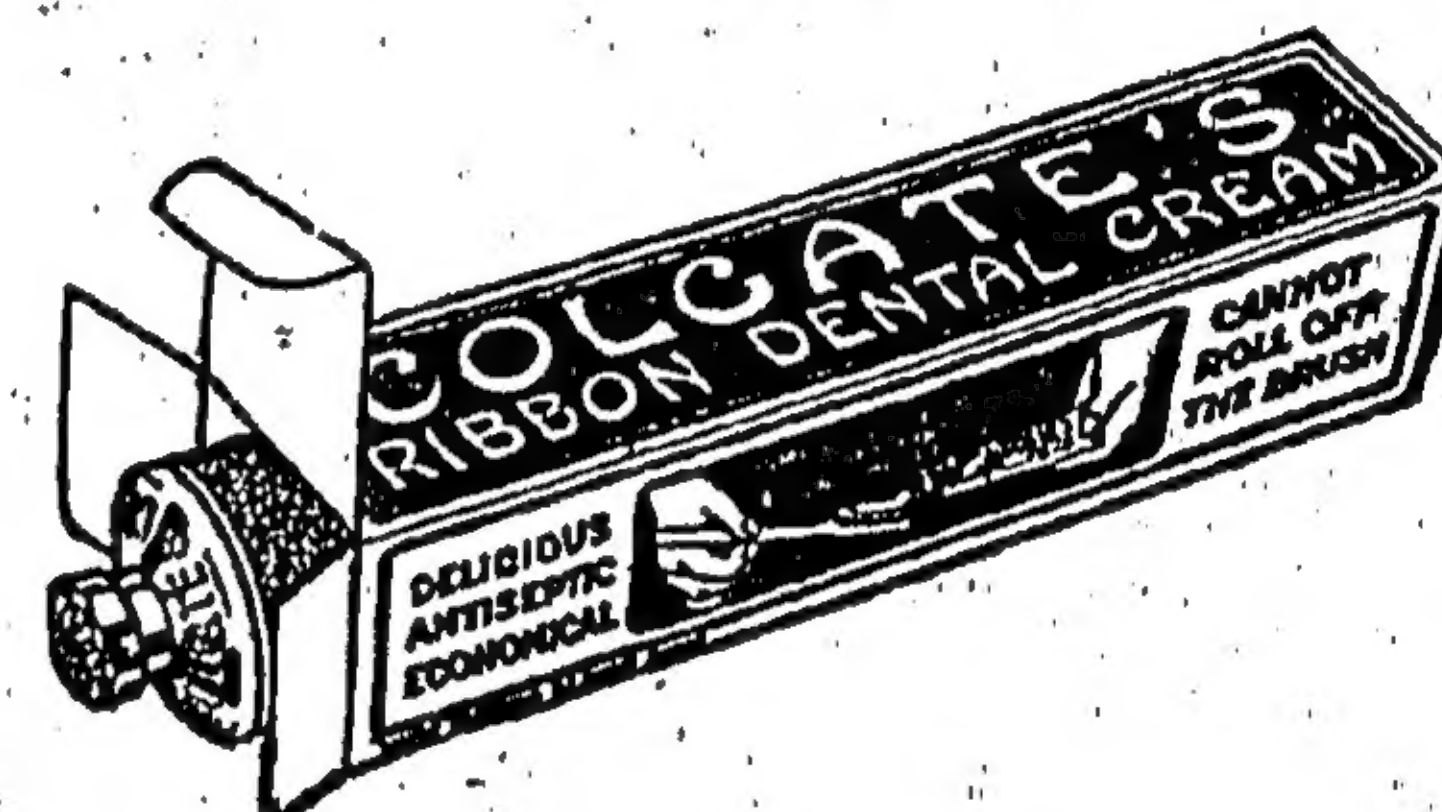
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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February and 2nd March 1929.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Hongkong, 15th December, 1928.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Association held on 14th December, 1928, it was resolved that the Association be wound up and that John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountants, be appointed liquidators.

Notice is hereby given that Creditors of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce are required on or before the 31st day of December, 1928, to send in particulars of their debts and claims, if any, to the undersigned at Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong when claims admitted will be paid in full. Dated this 15th day of December, 1928.

JOHN FLEMING, A. RITCHIE, Liquidators.

PLEASE NOTE.

All firms, shops, trades, professions, associations, etc. are cordially invited to send in full particulars as early as possible for FREE INSERTION in the next issue of LEB'S TRADE & SHOPPING GUIDE OF HONGKONG (An Anglo-Chinese Directory).

The next issue will be greatly improved and much useful information heretofore unpublished will be incorporated in it.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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Information has been received by Messrs. Moutrie's that the Macdonald Players, specialising in dramatic offerings including plays by George Bernard Shaw, Galsworthy and other prominent writers, are due to arrive in the Colony shortly. The Company will open at the Star Theatre on January 6 according to present arrangement, and will subsequently appear at the Theatre Royal.

LETTER GOLF.

Girls used to BLUSH when the boys would STARE—that may be all past now, but the combination makes a good par nine letter golf puzzle.

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S	T	A	R	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given and strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
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"FAZIL."

AMONG THE PALMS AND ALONG THE BOULEVARDS.

A lavish screen version of Pierre Frondale's famous French stage play "L'Insomnie," arrives at the Queen's Theatre to-day where it will remain the feature attraction until Saturday.

The screen play has been released under the title "Fazil" since it concerns the love affairs of Fazil, Prince of Araby. The story opens in Venice whither the prince has been sent on a diplomatic mission. He meets there Fabienne, a Parisienne of start-

ling beauty and sweeps her off her feet with his swift love making, marries her and carries her back to his domain in the desert where their happiness is short-lived because Fabienne refuses to bow to her husband's ancient marriage laws. This precipitates a tense and absorbing drama and a number of exciting scenes are enacted before the climax which is quite unusual and which arrives at an unexpected moment. Charles Farrell, "Chico" of "7th Heaven," is cast as the desert prince, while the part of "Fabienne" is played by Greta Nissen. "Fazil" had an extended run both in London and New York, and in Shanghai, where it was recently shown, broke all records.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P and O Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in Communication, rates etc. may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

It is notified for general information that dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 20.
Shanghai and Amoy	Yingchow	December 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 28.30th November)	Empress of Asia	December 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres Jackson	December 21.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers) London 22nd and parcels, 15th November	Kalyan	December 22.
Straits	Hakone Maru	December 22.
Manila	Suisang	December 24.
Japan	Pres. Florea	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	St. Albans	December 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	December 26.
	Pres. Wilson	December 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	Wed. Dec. 19, 4 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Song Bo	Thurs. Dec. 20, 6.30 a.m.
Straits	Glaucus	Thurs. Dec. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Wei Hui Wei	Cheong Shing	Thurs. Dec. 20, 10.30 a.m.

Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs. Dec. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Ninghai	Thurs. Dec. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs. Dec. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Thurs. Dec. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jensen	Thurs. Dec. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Batavia Maru	Thurs. Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri. Dec. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri. Dec. 21, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Kiukiang	Fri. Dec. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Chin Klang	Fri. Dec. 21, 1.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Naldera	Sat. Dec. 22, 8 p.m.
	Parcels	Sat. Dec. 22, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat. Dec. 22, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Sat. Dec. 22, 10 a.m.

	Parcels	Sat. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat. Dec. 22, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Sat. Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.

Wei Hui Wei	Hulchow	Sat. Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Sat. Dec. 22, 4.50 p.m.

Shanghai, Dairen and Europe via Siberia	Yingchow	Sat. Dec. 22, 6 p.m.
Hoihow	Kwangtung	Sun. Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Hangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun. Dec. 23, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun. Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, and Europe via Siberia	Kalyan	Sun. Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Mon. Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Mon. Dec. 24, 8 p.m.
	Registration	Mon. Dec. 24, 1 p.m.
	Letters	Mon. Dec. 24, 1 p.m.

	Registration	Mon. Dec. 24, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	Mon. Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, South America, and Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Pierce	Mon. Dec. 24, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Mon. Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.
	Registration	Mon. Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

	Letters	Mon. Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 14th January)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Wed. Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Japan	Sui Sang	Wed. Dec. 26, 9 a.m.

Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri. Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Fri. Dec. 28, 4.15 p.m.
	Registration	Fri. Dec. 28, 5 p.m.

	Letters	Fri. Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 12th January)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Fri. Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
	Registration	Fri. Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Fri. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

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Manila	Laurence-Marques	Fri. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Mombasa	Kamakura Maru	Fri. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

South Africa via Singapore		Fri. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

THE ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

MATTER CONSIDERED AT CANTON MEETING.

A meeting was recently held in Canton by the Committee for the Abolition of Likin and Surtaxes, being attended by Messrs. Li Yung-kai, Tse Wing-nin, Fung Yuen, Yeung Tze-lap and Chung Yuk-yuen. The first named gentleman acted as Chairman.

Following the report made by the Chairman as to the resolutions passed at the previous meeting, the various problems connected with the question of likin abolition were brought up for discussion.

In this connection most of those present were of the opinion that inasmuch as the National Government had decided to bring tariff autonomy into effect as from February 1st, likin and all superfluous taxes should be done away with at the same time. It was suggested that to pay the way for such abolition, special measures should be drawn up in the interval to suit the special circumstances.

Mr. Tse Wing-nin then introduced certain proposals which included one to the effect that a fixed time should be decided upon

TREATY REVISION.

HOLLAND FAVOURS TARIFF AUTONOMY.

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The Foreign Ministry has been informed by the Chinese Minister to Holland that the Dutch Government has decided to recognise Chinese Tariff Autonomy.

The Dutch Foreign Minister has explained to his Government the importance of maintaining trade relations with China and has emphasised that his Government should meet all reasonable desires of the Chinese Government.

The Dutch Minister interviewed Mr. Sun Fo yesterday, their conversation lasting quite a long time.

The French Minister arrived at Nanking on the 11th and was taken to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek by Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister. They had a conversation in the same afternoon at the Foreign Ministry regarding Sino-French affairs.—Nam Chung, Pao.

for the abolition of likin and superfluous taxes.

Mr. Tse's proposals were 13 in number and the Committee adjourned the meeting sine die for the purpose of giving them full consideration.

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PUBLIC MONEY.

(Continued from Page 2.)

The deficiency in the vote is due to the engagement of one additional Confidential Assistant and Stenographer and the increase of salary of the Senior Confidential Assistant and Stenographer.

Provision has been made in the draft Estimates for 1929 for the salaries of these officers under "Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff."

Language Study Allowances. Miscellaneous Services: 27, Language Study Allowances \$3,500.00.

Provision made in Estimates \$17,000.

Owing to the large number of officers now studying the Chinese Language and the increased allowances for teachers the provision for this service has fallen short of actual requirements.

Coolies' Quarters. Sanitary Department—Other Charges, Rent of Quarters for Scavenging Coolies, \$190.00.

Provision made in Estimates, \$2,940.

The shortage in this vote is due to:

1. The provision made in the Estimates for 1928 for the rented quarters at Aberdeen, Apichau, Stanley and Taitam was less than the rent actually due for these quarters by \$100.

2. Increased rental of quarters at 187 Woo Sung Street (\$60.00) and 93 Yu Chau Street (\$30.30).

The above is to be met from savings under Head Stones.

Evening Weather Maps. Royal Observatory: Personal Emoluments, Payments for Evening Map, \$600.00.

Provision made in Estimates \$28,861; Provision made by Supplementary Vote, \$240; Total, \$29,101.

There is a deficiency of \$600 on this vote owing to \$900 being required for payment of an allowance of \$50 a month each to the Director and Chief Assistant of the Observatory for preparation of the Evening Weather Map, Weather Report and Forecast, during the nine months' absence on leave of the First Assistant.

In 1923, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce recom-

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF A SHANGHAI INSURANCE MAN.

The death is announced in Shanghai of Mr. Guy Hamilton Benwell. The late Mr. Benwell was well known in insurance circles, having for the last few years been manager of his own business, known as the Shanghai Adjusters, with offices in the Glen Line Building. He leaves a wife, to whom sympathy is extended in her bereavement.

The deceased was 46 years old, and came to China from New Zealand just before the war. For many years he served with the New Zealand Insurance Co., later joining Messrs. L. Moore and Co., as the manager of their Tientsin branch. He left this company in 1923 and set up business on his own. He was a member of the Shanghai Club and the Shanghai Cricket Club.

He had been in Hongkong for some time, and had been preparing a report and forecast, in addition to the Morning Report. This recommendation was carried out. It throws additional evening work on the European Staff of the Observatory of which no payment is made when all three are available, but when one is on leave an allowance of \$50 a month is granted to each of the remaining two who prepare the Weather Map, Report and Forecast on alternate evenings.

Personal Emoluments.

Audit Department: Personal Emoluments, \$2,433.00.

Provision made in Estimates \$36,159.

Appointment of 2nd Assistant Auditor at salary of £750 p.a. \$1,866.67; Salary of 3rd Assistant Auditor under estimated \$0.33; Salary of Examiner at £400 p.a. from 1.4.28 to 31.12.28 not provided in Estimates, \$3,600.00; Salary of Stenographer at \$200 p.m. from 1.9.28 to 31.12.28 not provided in Estimates, \$800.00; Good conduct allowance to 1 Messenger at \$12 p.a. from 1.8.28 to 31.12.28, not provided in Estimates \$5.00; Exchange Compensation Allowance from 1.1.28 to 30.6.28 not provided in Estimates, \$960.73, Total, \$7,232.73; Less Provision made in Estimates for salary of 3rd As-

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY.

BY PUPILS OF QUARRY BAY SCHOOL.

A display of drill and action songs was given by the pupils of the Quarry Bay School yesterday afternoon, a large number of parents being particularly attracted by the exercises of their children.

The children themselves showed great interest in the various gymnastic feats and songs and dances which had been arranged for the benefit of the parents and each contribution was loudly applauded.

At the end of the display, Mr. E. Ralphs, who was an interested spectator expressed thanks to the school staff for the entertainment. He pointed out to the parents that the old exercises with the drill sergeant were now done away with and the drills which they had just witnessed were substituted. The present method was not only very useful but was also enjoyable.

Mr. Ralphs mentioned that he had recently returned from Home and assured the parents that what was being taught in local schools was as good as, if not better than, in England or Scotland.

Assistant Auditor, \$4,800.00; Net Total \$2,432.73.

The salary of Stenographer has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 225.

The Railway. Kowloon-Canton Railway: Other Charges, Power, Electric Fans and Light B-4-9 Central Mechanical Works, \$600.00.

Provision made in Estimates, \$6,000.

More power than was estimated for has been consumed on account of the repairs of Chinese Section Rolling Stock undertaken by the British Section. The charges paid by the Chinese Section in excess of actual cost of labour and material used viz. 50% on all labour have been credited to Railway Revenue R-7 Profit on Central Mechanical Works, and cover this extra consumption.

Adjutant of Volunteers. Defence, "A" H.K.V.D.C.: Personal Emoluments, (Adjutant, Pension Contribution), \$170.00.

Provision made in Estimates, \$22,018.

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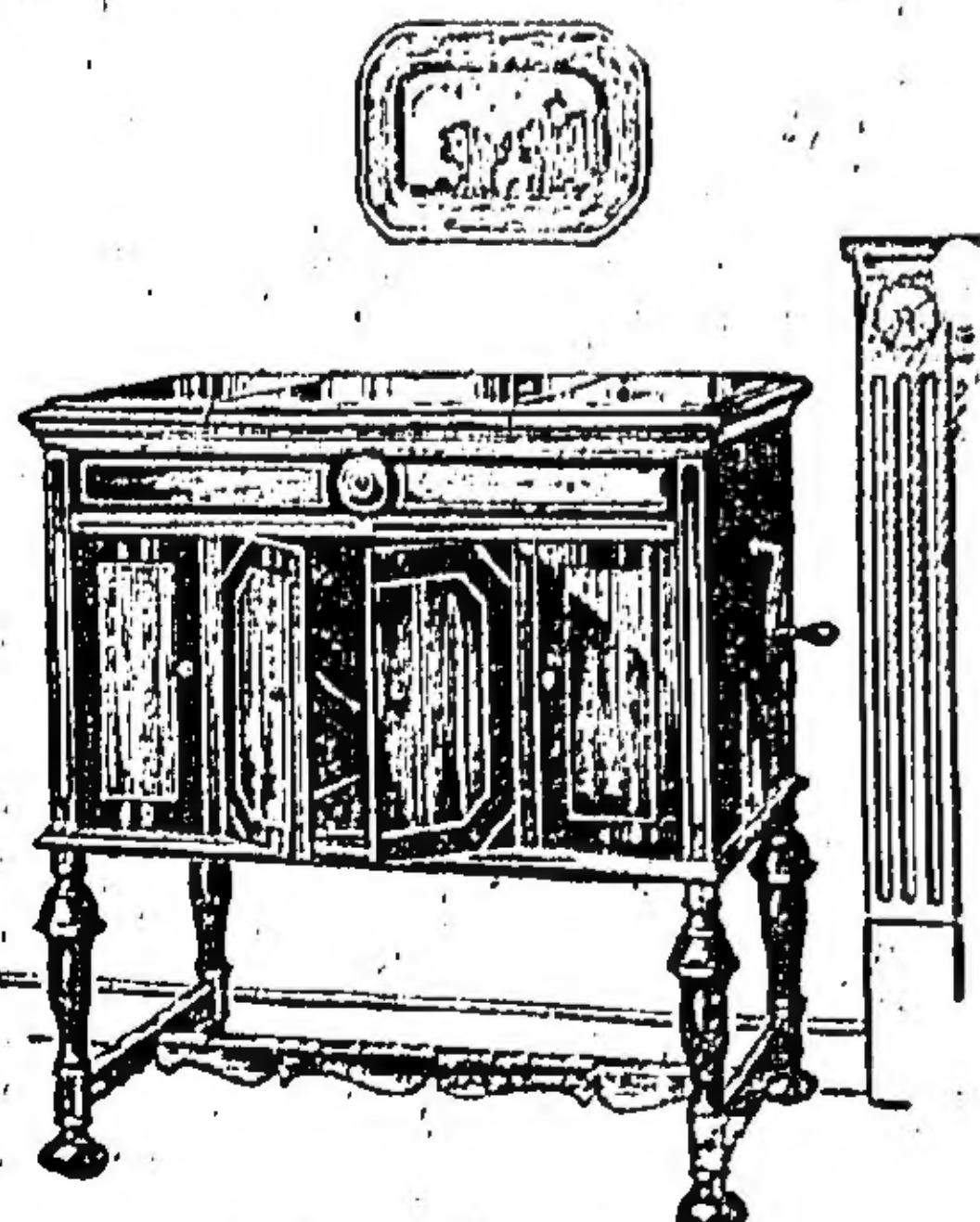


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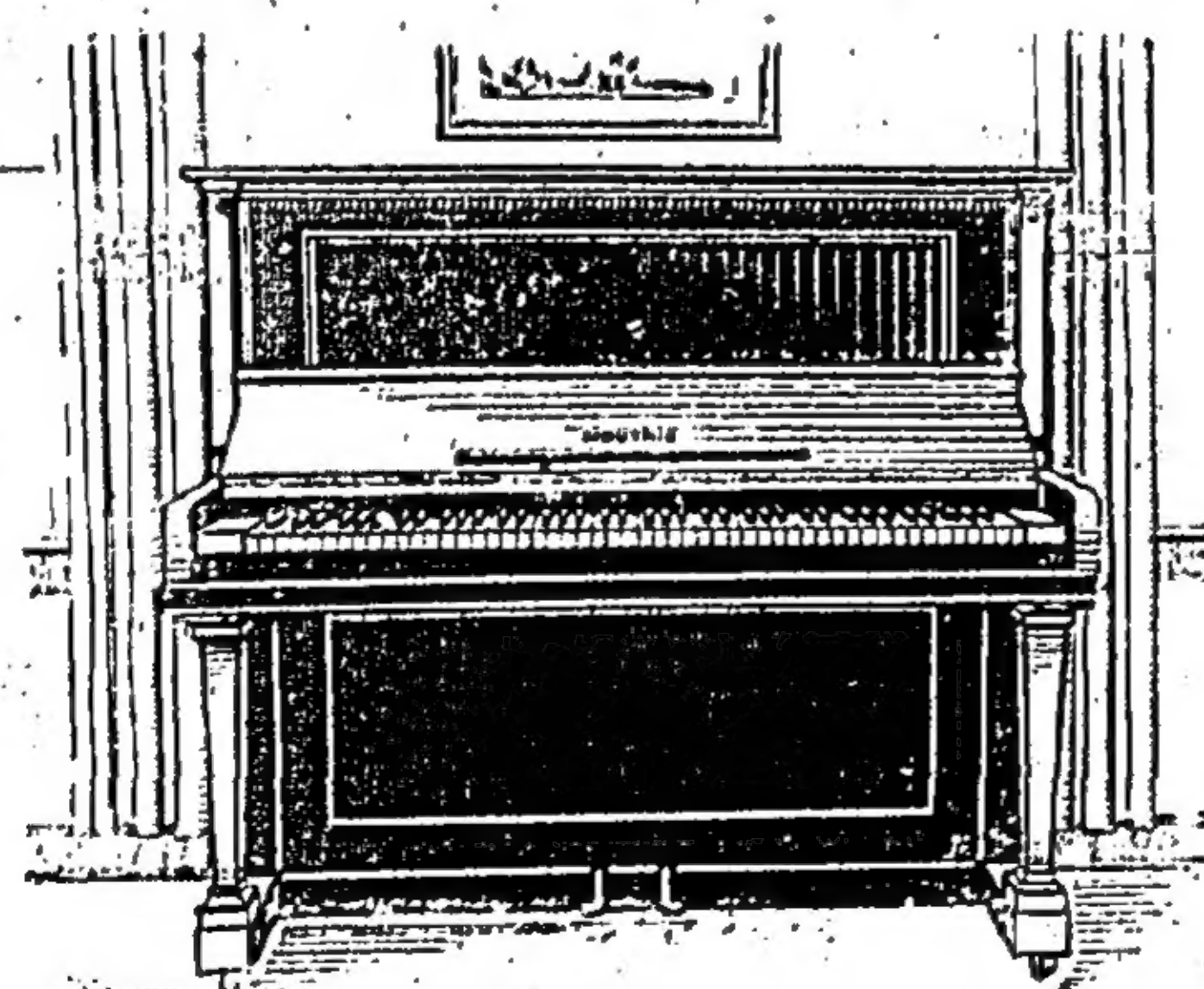


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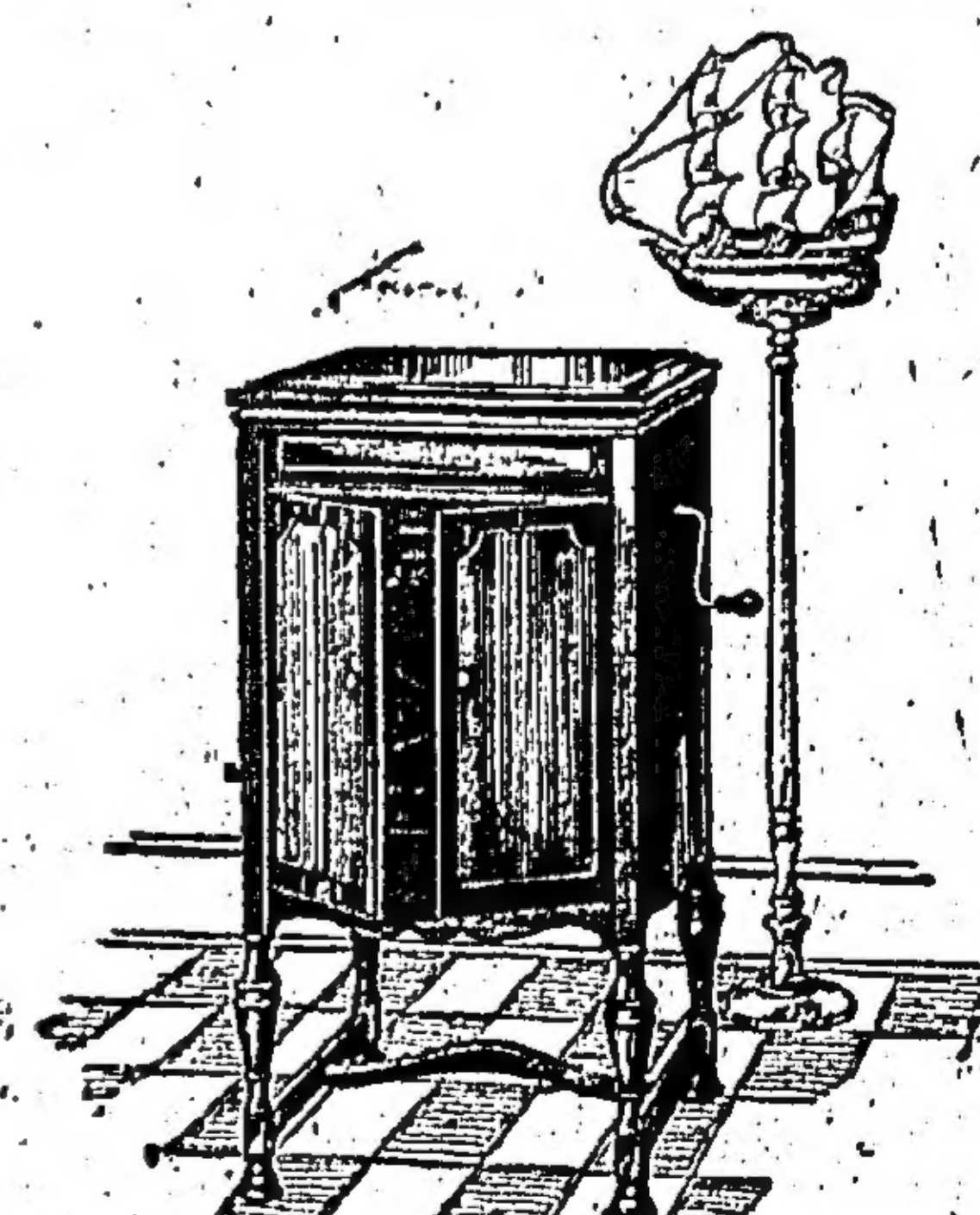
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PRETTY CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

MISS PEGGY BIRD AND
LT. K. W. BEARD.

A pretty wedding of considerable interest took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Lieutenant Kenneth Wales Beard, R.N., of H.M.S. Tamar, residing at Kai Tak Aerodrome, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wales Beard, was married to Miss Margaret (Peggy) Bird, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, The Dene, the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, conducted the service.

A large number of leading residents were present at the Cathedral and afterwards at Volunteer Headquarters, where a reception was held, including His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern, Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard, and the Bishop of Victoria. His Excellency was accompanied by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte and Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.Cs.

The bride, who was given away by her father, made a charming picture in a dress of ivory chiffon velvet. She wore a tulle veil, and her train was lined with gold tissue and embroidered with pearls. She carried a trail of cream chrysanthemums and orange blossom.

She was escorted by four bridesmaids, these being Miss Reta Hazeland, Miss Dorothea Bewley, Miss Eileen Stubbinga and Miss Eileen de Biere, all of whom were tastefully attired in green tulle dresses, with net gold tissue caps. Their bouquets were of gold chrysanthemums.

The bride's mother was dressed in a black and gold gown, and a hat of black and gold sequins. Lieut. C. G. Trencham, R.N., was the "best man."

The boys of the Cathedral Choir met the bride at the West door, and proceeded to their accustomed places singing "Love Divine, all loves exceeding."

After the ceremony, the newly-married couple left the Cathedral in the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

On leaving the Cathedral, the bride and bridegroom passed under an archway of sword-lilies by brother naval officers, while the bells rang out. Their car was towed by men of the Royal Air Force and able seamen from H.M.S. Tamar.

At Volunteer Headquarters a large number of people assembled to offer their felicitations.

Healths Proposed.

Squadron Leader C. E. H. Macpherson, of Kai Tak Aerodrome, in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—It gives me very great pleasure indeed to have the honour of proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom.

Unlike most weddings that we attend from time to time in Hongkong, the two star performers in this show are very well known to all of us and I think they are definitely two of the most charming young people it has been one's pleasure to meet in the Colony.

The bride is without a doubt one of the jolliest birds who has fallen for the arrows of Cupid in the last year. (Laughter).

The bridegroom is one of the most amusing beardless officers I have met at Kai Tak; he is like the proverbial cat, with nine lives; since being at Kai Tak he has been crashed twice on the aerodrome, and like Jonah has been cast up by the sea on Gau Tau Rock after his aeroplane sank, on each occasion returning with a smile on his face and his marcel unruffled. (Laughter).

So I feel quite convinced that the trials and tribulations of married life will just roll off them like water off a duck's back.

Before asking you to drink with me to the health, long life and happiness of the bride and bridegroom, I would like to give each of them a piece of fatherly advice; to the bride, as she has gloriously long hair I would say "Don't come down to breakfast with your hair in curling tongs" (laughter); and to the bridegroom "never bury your head in a newspaper at the breakfast table;" both these habits have been the cause of much matrimonial trouble in the past and must be avoided at all cost. (Laughter).

Now your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to join with me in drinking the health, long life and happiness of the bride and bridegroom, and also to the former many happy returns of the day—I hasten to add because it is her birthday.

In replying, the bridegroom thanked those present for their attendance, and toasted the bridesmaids.

The honeymoon is being spent at Baguio, Philippine Islands. The bride's going-away dress was made of grey crepe, with pale pink georgette collar and cuffs and a grey felt hat. Many beautiful and useful pre-

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB TO MOVE.

HOME OF BOXING FOR MANY YEARS.

The headquarters of the National Sporting Club are to be removed from the famous Seventeenth Century building in King-street, Covent Garden. Negotiations are in progress, it is understood, for acquiring a new home for the club to accommodate a much larger number of spectators at the boxing matches.

The present building, which was the home of Admiral the Earl of Orford until his death in 1717, came into great prominence as the Evans's Supper Rooms of Colonel Newcome and Clive Newcome. It has for so long been the meeting place of lovers of boxing that the prospect of removal is keenly felt by the older members of the club.

"The club has been my second home for years," Mr. Eugene Corri, the well-known referee, said recently.

"Old Rules Die Hard."

"I don't know whether the change to new headquarters would mean the passing of many of the old traditions," he added. "Old rules die hard here."

"I am one of the two referees who have stood inside the ring at a contest here. It was in 1905, when the French-Canadian Tommy Burns beat Gunner Mott, the champion of England, in a ten-round fight. The other was an American referee."

Mr. Corri demonstrated the difficulties of a referee standing outside the ring according to the N.S.C. rule, by engaging in a little shadow boxing.

"Old rules apart," he went on, "many of us will be very sorry to leave the place. Still, there's no doubt that it would be a great advantage to be able to seat more than a thousand people at once."

sents were given. These included a blackwood tray, with glass and Chinese embroidery, given by His Excellency and Mrs. Southern; a silver salver, with names inscribed, from the Officers, R.A.F. band; a silver coffee and tea set from the officers of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; and a Chinese coffee set from officers of H.M.S. Serapis.

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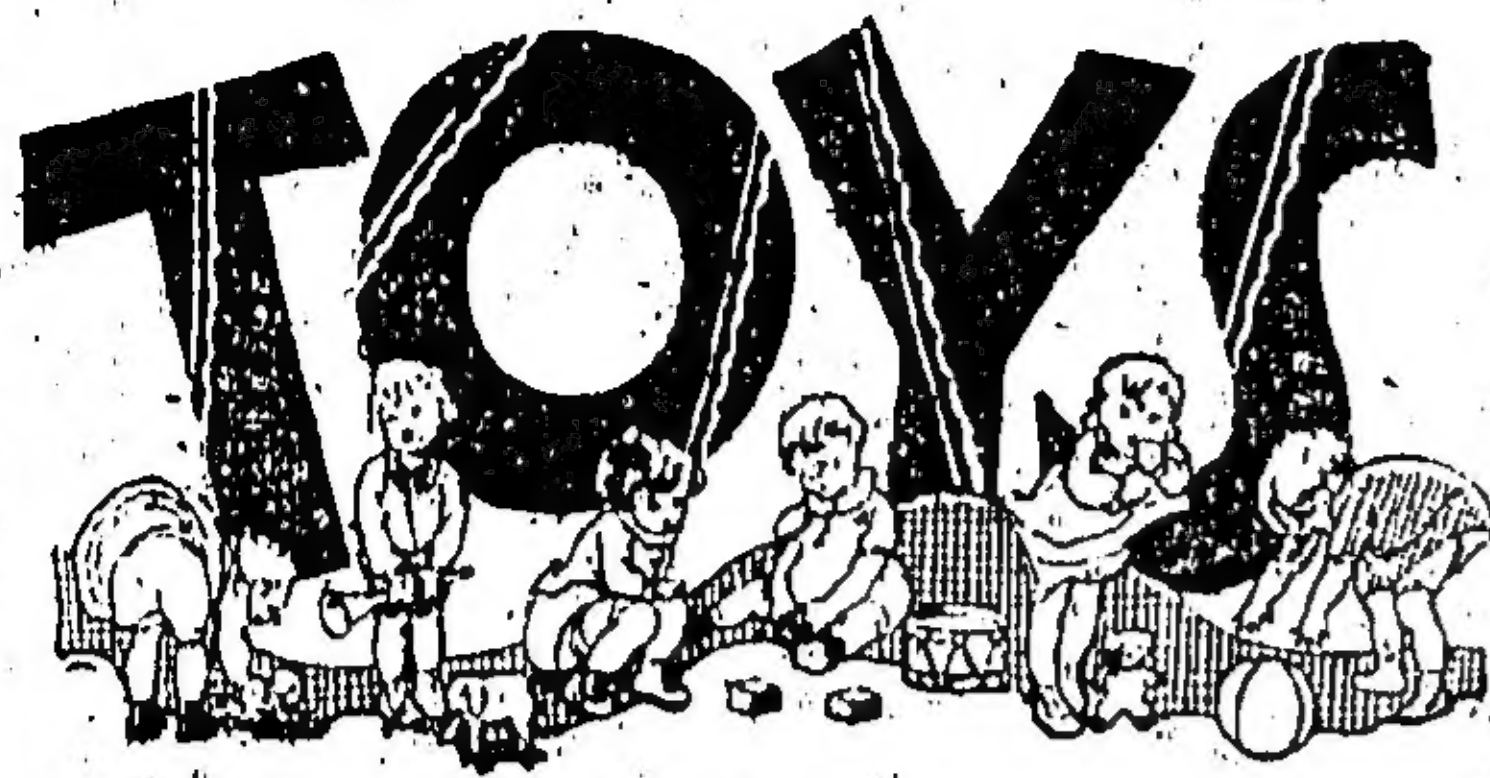
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An unusual lace overcoat and cuffs of hand-thread lace embellish the midnight blue velvet frock, left, plaided in gold and green. Quaint and youthful is the cape collar and cuff frills of net lace on the black velvet dress, centre. Point Venice adds its rich café au lait touch to the collar, cuffs and pointed overskirt of a dressy daytime costume shown at the right.

Shoes in Paris.

FOOTWEAR BECOMES MORE ELABORATE.

Footwear, after a spell of simplicity in design, is becoming complicated again. Kid is extensively used for day wear. Many designs with a pump foundation are strapped across the instep with contrasting leather bands, which tie together with a neat cord. The heels are invariably to match. This was attractively demonstrated in a mastic-coloured kid combined with navy.

For smart morning wear, dyed reptile skin retains all its old popularity, and, if any change is remarkable, it is in the beautiful variety of dyes obtainable. French bottiniers have always been partial to the sandal shape, which has never achieved a similar amount of distinction in London as it has abroad, where women recognise that it makes a foot look smaller and altogether neater. Variations of the sandal shape are now being seen. Some pretty patent leather shoes were made with sandal straps of a linked effect of leather and gold kid.

Decorations in Gold.

A good deal of gold, either in the form of binding or of application, is seen on both day and evening shoes.

Black suede is returning to favour. A pair of black suede shoes, made with small, domino-like insertions of white kid, were laced together in front and fastened with white cord laces weighted with ivory acorns. Variations of the lace-up effect have by no means exhausted their attractions.

Exquisitely dyed suedes are shown for afternoon wear. Foremost amongst them is a deep cardinal red. It is decorated as often as not with touches of gold Navy suede, with scrolls of a contrasting colour, is another smart design.

Beauty for the Eyes.

The new delicate make-up calls for intensity in the eyes, and the lids are therefore receiving special attention. A new indelible pencil for the eyelids is available in three shades—black, brown, and blue, the last-named colour being used only for very fair women.

To Enhance the Eyes.

The eyelid is moistened, then a curved line is drawn across it with the pencil. This is smeared with the finger until a fine film of colour is distributed over the eyelid. It must never be more than a tinge, otherwise it would give a too obviously made-up appearance. This hint of shading will, however, make the eyes appear much larger and intensify their colour.

Very Natty.



An extremely chic close-fitting turban of brown velvet has interesting ear tabs of brown lace.

The Vogue of Velvet.

FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

While Summer was still with us, dress experts predicted the vogue of velvet in the season that was to come. Autumn has fulfilled that prophecy, and velvet is de rigueur for both day and evening gowns; for afternoon coats and evening cloaks; for boudoir wraps and bridge coats.

Yet there is no monotony about these fascinating new velvets, which possess the practical quality of being almost uncrushable. They are plain, embossed, and printed. Colour schemes are rich and harmonious, or subtle and subdued. Designs are both large and small, and they include checks, spots, and floral designs.

Ring Velvet Gowns.

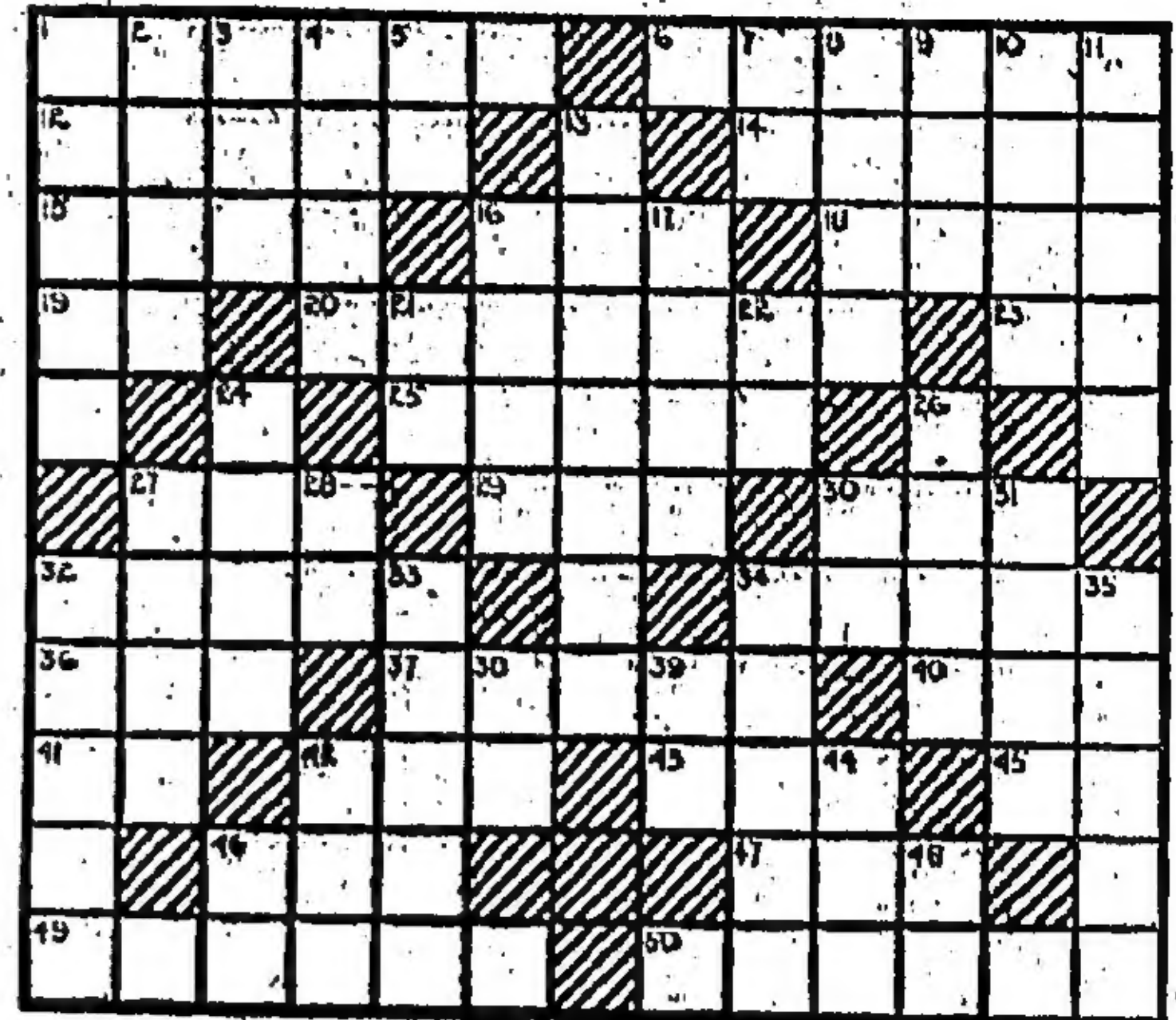
There is a ring velvet evening gown being shown in London with pink tulips set against a background of grey. It demonstrates the new and higher waist line, and has a close-fitting bodice and a full skirt dipping at the back in the approved style. Persian colourings are mingled in a velvet afternoon frock, and blue shades prevail in another dress in a small check design.

Blue, pink, and gold-brown tones are blended in a floral design on the black background of a velvet embossed georgette, which is used to make a dignified evening ensemble. The frock has the modish uneven hem, and a graceful bridge wrap, with a brown fur collar and a border of deep silk fringe makes an effective complement. Another evening gown of ring velvet is besprinkled with ruby-coloured stones studded through the material.

For Afternoon.

For the matron an afternoon dress of brown and flame-coloured ring velvet, is delightful and a youthful long-sleeved frock with a three-tiered petal skirt is made from black velvet printed with a small blue and white design.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal
1 Who was the composer of the opera "Lohengrin"?
6 Who was the most famous of all grand opera singers?
12 Standard of perfection.
14 Opposite of winner.
15 Silk fish line strengthened with wire.
16 Embryo flower.
18 Precedence.
19 Preparation of place.
20 Particular.
21 Myself.
23 Contest of speed.
27 Foot of an animal.
29 Egg of a louse.
30 Open sand casting of metal.
32 Who composed the opera "Carmen"?
34 Sharpens as a razor.
36 Dined.
37 To elevate.
40 Obstruction in a stream.
41 Fourth note in a scale.
42 Ventilating machine.
43 Unit.
45 Sun god.
46 Two pasta.
47 Correlative of neither.
49 To make possible.
50 Who was the composer of the song "Largo"?

Vertical
9 To employ.
10 Suture.
11 A command.
13 Who was the composer of "The Girl of the Golden West"?
16 Nutritious leguminous plant.
17 A prescribed course of food.
21 Abbreviation for "pair."
22 Like.
24 To stun.
26 Who was the most popular Swedish songstress?
27 Fibre from the century plant.
28 You and I.
30 Italian river.
31 Toothed wheel.
32 Who was the composer of the "Bohemian Girl"?
33 Footpath in the wilderness.
34 Hair dye.
45 Little.
46 Variant of "a."
49 Therefore.
42 Watch charm.
48 Era.
46 Dad.
48 Abbreviation for "road."

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A fatal motor mishap occurred yesterday afternoon on the Praya East, when a small Chinese boy 6 years old was knocked down by a motor car, driven by a European. The car was going from west to east and the incident occurred while the boy was running across

the road. It is stated that the father had sent the child out to purchase cigarettes. The boy passed away later in the afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital.

Sir Frederick and Lady Whyte left Shanghai for Hongkong yesterday. They propose to spend Christmas here.

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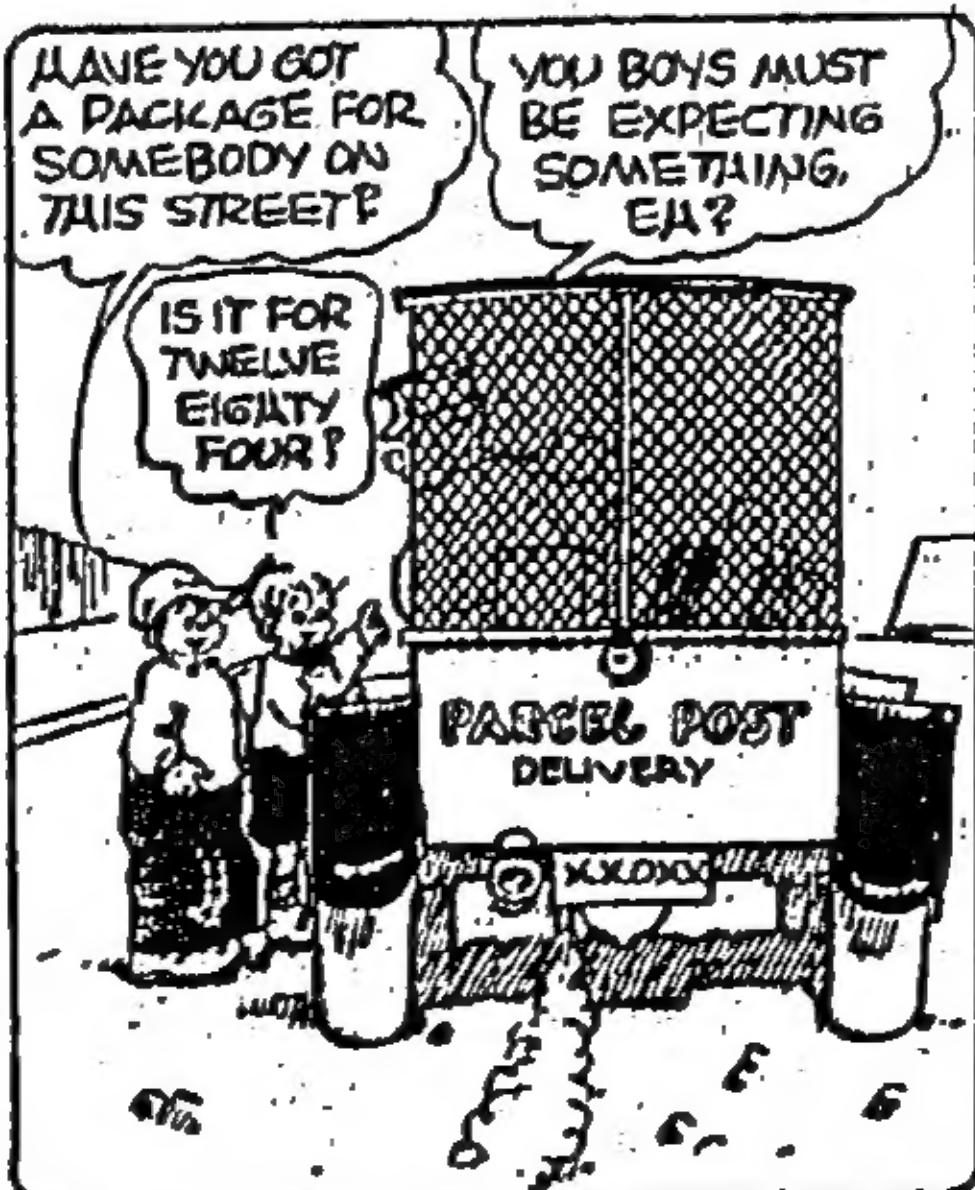
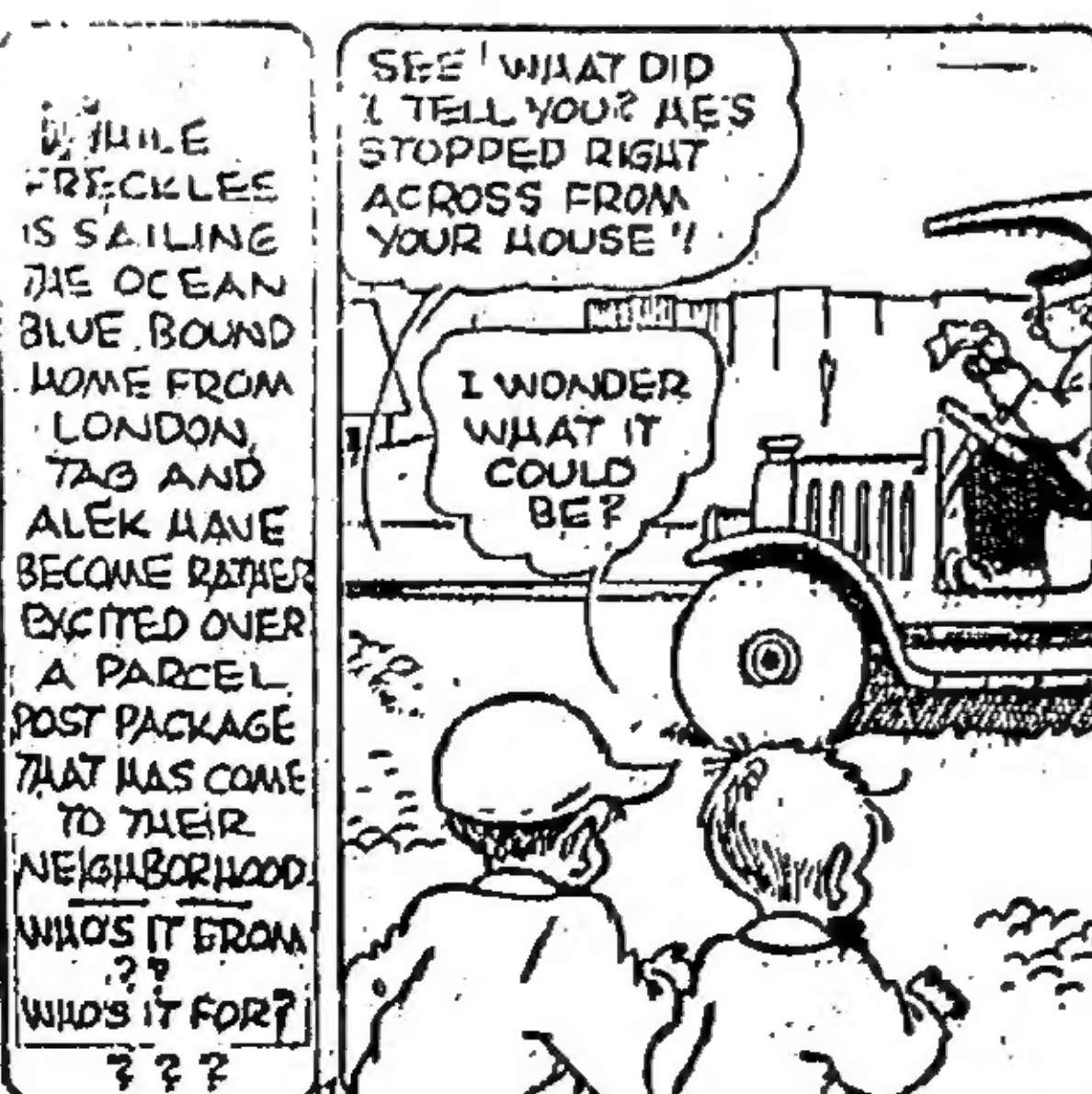
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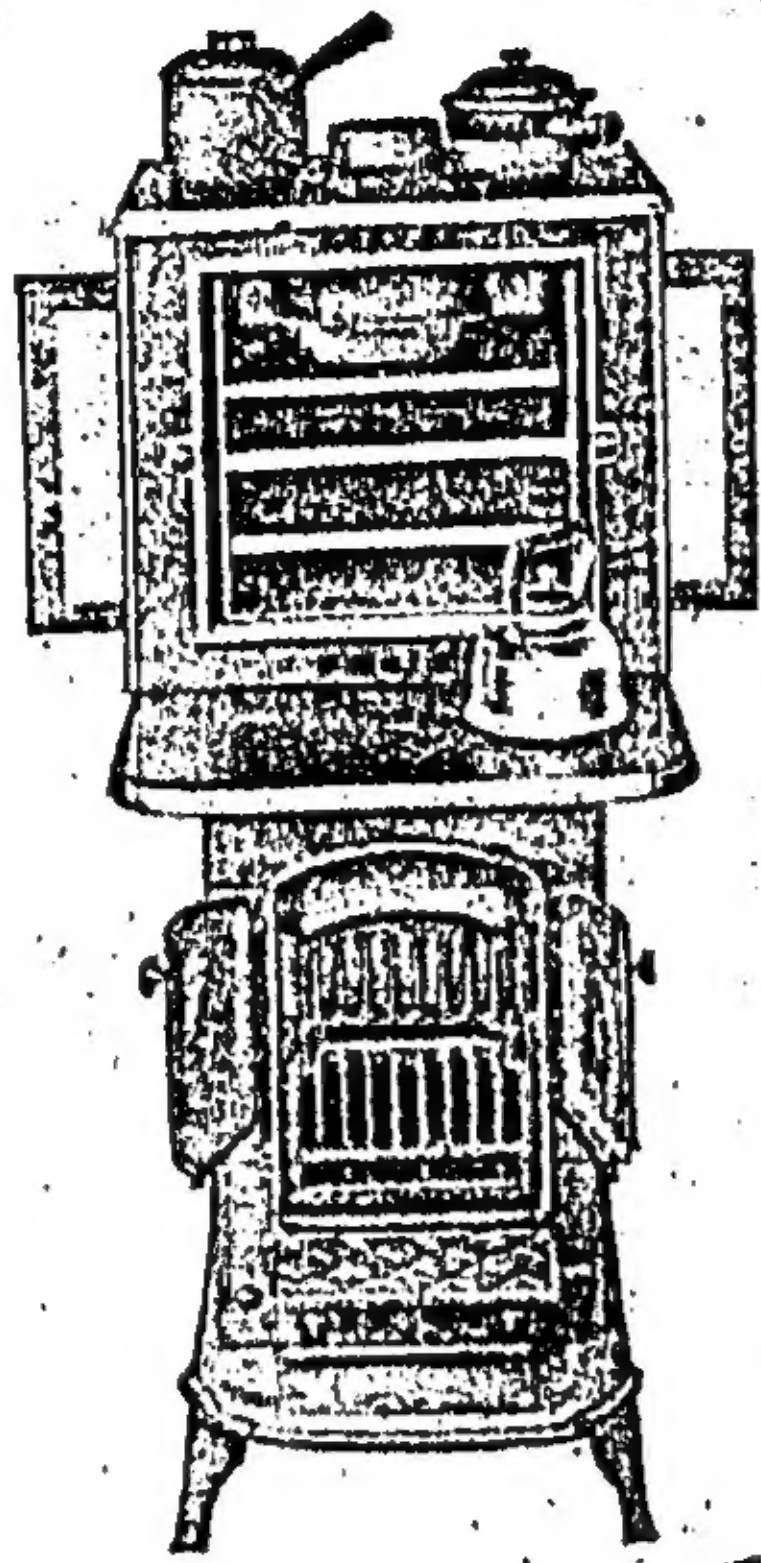
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DEATHS.

BOTELHO.—On December 13, 1928, at her residence, 120 Boone Road, Shanghai, Anna, the beloved wife of Mr. E. P. Botelho, (Nhenho) in her 52nd year.

RODRIGUES.—At the Shanghai General Hospital, in her 57th year, Filomena Rodrigues, beloved mother of Mrs. V. F. M. de Britto.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1928

THE COAL PROBLEM.

Whilst it is comforting, at this season of the year, to realise that practical immediate steps are being taken to relieve the distress in the British mining areas, there will, we feel sure, be a general feeling that the problem is not to be solved by the mere making of money grants to the numerous families affected. The Lord Mayor's Fund continues to grow, betokening a ready sympathy on the part of the public for those in need of assistance, and it is now intimated that the Government will make a grant of a pound sterling for every pound subscribed thereto. Under this arrangement, a sum of £150,000 is to be paid on account immediately. Special measures, we are told, are to be taken by the Government to deal with the distressed districts, in which connexion a special vote of £100,000 is to be granted at once to assist the families of the workless miners. What is not apparent at the moment is whether the Government has any definite scheme for tackling this grave problem at its roots.

In view of the various efforts being made to improve the position of the industry, it is interesting to recall that the Royal Commission which exhaustively investigated the whole subject in the winter of 1925-26 expressed the opinion that the way to prosperity for the mining industry lies along three chief lines of advance: through greater application of science to the winning and using of coal, through larger units for production and distribution, and through fuller partnership between employers and employed. The unfortunate stoppage in 1926 inevitably delayed progress, but since the resumption of work a considerable advance has been recorded along the lines indicated by the Commission. Much time and money have been and are being devoted to scientific research and to the commercial application of the results obtained, and these developments are expected to contribute materially to an eventual return to prosperity in the industry. The process of amalgamation, with the object of forming larger producing and distributing units, has already made some progress, particularly in South Wales, and during the past few months a further announcement has been made of an agreement for a fusion of a number of colliery companies in Lancashire, under the title of Manchester Collieries Limited. Nor has the third line, of advance been ignored, although the adverse financial results in the various coalfields have so far tended to restrict progress. Steps such as these will, it is hoped, do something to restore the coal industry to a better position. That there is room for improvement may be gathered from the fact that there has been a marked shrinkage in production even during the past twelve months, exports for the first eight months of 1928 showing a decline of something like £7,000,000 as compared with the same period in 1927.

It is obvious that the whole problem of the industry calls for the most serious investigation, and the impression still persists that the Government has by no means done all that it could to grapple with the issues involved. This trouble has not suddenly sprung up; it has long persisted and some serious attempt at solution is much overdue. On the manner in which the Government now addresses itself to the question will probably depend the measure of support it will obtain from the voters when the General Election comes round.

A Classic Innings.

While the Second Test match is not over, the position is such that little short of a miracle can prevent Arthur Chapman's men from achieving another brilliant triumph. By the time the last English wicket fell yesterday afternoon, new cricket history had been made, and it was a happier circumstance in view of the fact that the Mother Country set the seal on her supremacy to date in the stronghold of Australian cricket, Sydney. The score of 636, compiled in reply to a total of 253, sets a new high record for an innings in the Anglo-Australian contests, England's previous best being 589, while when we were last down under, Australia hit our bowlers for 600 runs. The outstanding figure in this classic innings was Walter Hammond, the youthful Gloucester professional, who defied the Australian attack for over seven hours, scored 251 of 455 runs off the bat while he was at the wickets and gave only one difficult chance, a hard return to Ryder. His batting is described as superb in every respect, and since all Englishmen know him as an irreproachable stylist, a believer in making the bat hit the ball, an artist at driving and a master of every modern scoring stroke, the deficiencies of Reuter's meagre reports can easily be filled in. Only R. E. Foster, 287, has made a bigger score in a Test match, and all things considered, the contribution must be regarded as Hammond's crowning triumph in a meteoric career. Although Hammond proved the dominating personality, he received splendid assistance at different stages. Hendren's 74 being a sterling effort, and Larwood's 43, extremely useful. One of the most striking features of the long innings is contained in the fact that every player down to No. 11 reached double figures. The Australians so far have been outplayed in every department of the game. The luck of the toss gave the M.C.C. bowlers a real opportunity to demonstrate their strength, and incidentally, to cause the critics to reconstruct their estimates. The result of the test is well known, though the prowess of the attack has since been overshadowed by the brilliant batting that has followed. The Australians are now in an almost hopeless position, and England's victory, to be confidently expected, will bring the prospects of retaining the "Ashes" definitely nearer to accomplishment.

THE REAL KING WENCESLAS.

[By Edgar Sumwell.]

When the Christmas season comes round, and the Christmas spirit is in the air, there is nothing more familiar to our ears than the carol of "Good King Wenceslas." It is a prime favourite, equally with societies which make a serious study of Christmas music and with the little boys who know neither the words nor the tune with accuracy, yet who insist on singing it at your front door in the expectation of a few coppers.

But, words and music apart, how many of us know anything about the history of the carol? Who was the real King Wenceslas? When did he live? What did he do? English people have a rare faculty for adopting things from abroad. Their patron saint, St. George, was certainly not an Englishman, and at times they have been more than content with a king from over the water. Thus it has come about that they have taken to their hearts one Wenceslas, a ruler of Bohemia, who was slain by an angry and jealous brother on the steps of a church, or inside it, and has since remained the patron saint of the Bohemian people. His real name was Václav, which, in its Latinised form of Wenceslas, has become familiar to us. He flourished in the first half of the tenth century, about the time when in this country Athelstan, the golden-haired boy whom his grandfather, Alfred the Great, had gifted with a sword set in a golden scabbard, was King of the Mercians and West Saxons.

In the century before there had gone out from Byzantium, a mission headed by Cyrilus and Methodius, carrying civilisation and Christianity through Central Europe. A powerful centre was established at Velichrad, the chief town of the kingdom of Moravia, and thence, in the course of years, it spread to Slovakia and Bohemia. Wenceslas, king of Bohemia, was among the first of the Bohemian converts. He was far and away above—and beyond his time. Bohemia in those days was rampant among the barons and landowners, who did not scruple to raid and make war as occasion offered. With their unholy principles and misdeeds Wenceslas had not the slightest sympathy, and what is worse, he had not the power to curb their evil doing. But he could show, by his own example, what a good man's life should be. He was an excellent Slav and Latin scholar. Following his adoption of Christianity, he was initiated into the School of Cluny, the Burgundian of civilisation, founded by Abbot Odo, and there pledged himself to prayer and meditation, the promotion of peace throughout his kingdom, and the abolition of paganism.

In his own life he was humble and devout, even to the extent of cutting the grapes and the wheat required for sacrament. He was a great church benefactor. To him is due the foundation of St. Vitus' Cathedral on the Hradsch, which, in its newest though unfinished form, is still one of the great attractions of Prague. Pilgrims to the shrine of St. Vitus were cured of nervous disorders, especially of that distressing malady to which the saint has given his name. Wenceslas was also successful in reducing his own dominions to a state of peace—at least, there was no open warfare within his borders. The pagan regime was, however, still popular, especially among the brigand nobles, who saw that under the sweeter influence of Christianity, a great deal of their power would be gone. They had no use for peaceful ways, and preferred to rely for their wealth on what they could steal by force of arms than on any more honourable source.

The malcontents found a ready sympathiser, indeed a leader, in a brother of Wenceslas named Boleslav, who eventually determined to encompass the king's death. That was nearly a thousand years ago, and it is not surprising that there are different versions of how the fall of Wenceslas was carried out. According to one ancient chronicle, Boleslav sent Wenceslas an invitation to feast with him at his castle and stay the night, all of which he cheerfully accepted. What stayed the hand of Boleslav in those dark hours before the dawn may never be known, but certain it is that on the following morning Wenceslas walked from the castle to a neighbouring church, there to offer prayers.

There, in the porch, he encountered Boleslav, whom he saluted with a brotherly kiss and thanks for his hospitality. Boleslav's answer was to plunge his sword into the body of the king, who, withdrawing the weapon, hurried it away from him and then flung his treacherous brother to the ground. The fight was a signal to the brother's followers, who, rushing from their hidden places, in the

DAY BY DAY.

TO FEAR THE FOE, SINCE FEAR OP- PRESSETH STRENGTH, GIVES IN YOUR WEAKNESS STRENGTH UNTO YOUR FOE.—Shakespeare.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Singapore, is due here at 5 a.m. on the 23rd instant.

Sir Elly Kadoorie, Mr. L. Kadoorie and Mr. A. Nissim left for Shanghai by the M.M. liner Athos 11.

A Congregation for the conferring of degrees is to be held at the Hongkong University on January 14th.

The new submarines for the Australian Navy, which are now on their way out from England to Australia, left Colombo on Tuesday for Belawan.

H.M.S. Hermes is due to arrive here at 5 o'clock to-day from Manila. H.M.S. Kent left port at 2 p.m. for Sandakan and the Bluebell arrived from Takau.

The Westinghouse Electric International Co. has issued a charming wall calendar, a copy of which reaches us from Messrs. Reiss, Mansey and Co., Ltd., the local distributors.

Seventeen further cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which 15 were from Kowloon districts. All were Chinese, excepting one Japanese case. A Chinese case of diphtheria was also reported from Kowloon.

Yet another delightful performance of "Tom Jones" was given by the Philharmonic Society at the Theatre Royal last night, when the opera went with a fine swing from start to finish. There is to be a matinee performance at 4.30 to-day, whilst the final night production takes place on Friday and Saturday. No performance is being given to-night.

church, speedily put an end to the fast-ebbing life of their noble king. One story runs that even in the midst of his death agony Wenceslas absolutely refused to lift a hand against his treacherous kinsman.

The victory in the church which Boleslav thought he had achieved was simply the beginning of his own defeat. The subjects of Wenceslas were stricken with horror at his foul and unnatural murder, and, try as they would, Boleslav could no more stop the rising tide of sympathy for the saintly king than Canute could prevent the waves of the sea advancing. He hanged Podivin, the faithful page, with whom, as the carol tells us, Wenceslas went about secretly at night, carrying food and clothing to the poor and needy. When he heard of the miracle said to have been performed at the tomb of the king in St. Vitus Cathedral, he summoned a meeting and charged the multitude never to speak of Wenceslas again, but the figure of a man in golden armour appeared, and, to the accompaniment of a terrific thunderstorm, drove the people to their homes. The cult of King Wenceslas had begun, and its progress could not be arrested. The Church venerated him as a saint and martyr. A shrine was erected on the site where the king fell, and a chapel on the site where his page had been executed.

It is a singular fact that the ancient crown of Bohemia, consisting of four lily-shaped gold plates studded with uncut precious stones, is called "the Crown of St. Wenceslas."

Alike in times of national misfortune or national prosperity, the name of Wenceslas was on the lips of his people and their descendants, and his aid and protection were invoked. Even during the Great War his help was sought, and the refrain of the ancient chanson in the Slav liturgy, "Do not leave us nor our children to perish," was heard with reiterated fervour. Among some of the peasants there firmly persists the belief that Wenceslas is not dead, laid in his tomb in Prague Cathedral, but that he is simply sleeping under the Blank Mountain, like King Arthur under the Castle Hill of Neath, awaiting the summons to come to his country's aid.

We owe the words of the modern carol to the Rev. Dr. John Mason Neale, a writer of popular hymns. The poem was intended to suit a mediaeval tune, and it might have been little more than a translation from the mediaeval, but Dr. Neale chose to tell in his own way how

"Good King Wenceslas looked out On the Feast of Stephen," and went forth, followed by the faithful page, bearing flesh and wine and pinelogs to the peasant living

"Underneath the mountain: Right against the forest fence, By St. Agnes fountain. Dr. Neale's carol remains to this day, a favourite among English people.

The Very Idea!

In a 55-year-old file of an American newspaper has been found the story of the very first attempt to cross the Atlantic by air, which everyone seems to have forgotten. A much bewhiskered gentleman, Professor John Wise, conceived and planned the great adventure, but he quarrelled with the financial backers and retired from active control before the start. Nevertheless, a balloon called *The Daily Graphic* was prepared in 1873 and launched amid the applause of huge crowds in the Capitoline Gardens of Brooklyn, the Long Island suburb of New York City. There dangled from it, instead of the customary basket, a lifeboat, supported by a couple of stout canvas sails. In the boat sat the skipper, one Washington H. Donaldson, an assistant, and a newspaperman named Alfred Ford, who was to keep the log of the voyage to Europe. All went splendidly from the moment of the start—for several minutes. Then *The Daily Graphic* crashed, near Cyprian, Conn., though the three aeronauts managed to jump clear just in time. Mr. Ford sat down and wrote a stirring account of "How We Did Not Cross the Atlantic by Air"—and that was that.

A little boy recently puzzled his mother with this query: "What's the mix?"

"The mix, dear? I'm sure I don't know. Where did you hear about it?"

"At Sunday school. The superintendent said God made Heaven and earth and all that in the mix!"

Omibus, driver at Tottenham fined for allowing too many passengers: I did it under great provocation. So many people wanted to get to the hospital.

"A barrister told me the other day that he would not have turned up to oppose an application if he had realised that I knew so much law."—Judge Clier at Shoreditch County Court.

Solicitor at Clerkenwell County Court: Can't a man play the piano until two in the morning on his wife's birthday? "Nothing is worth doing if it is not difficult."—Mr. Cairns, the Thames magistrate.

I see a well-known cleric state: Lounge lizards are effeminate. And such, indeed, might well appear.

Most worthy of the manly sneer.

It seems a fact past question—but

I pause when I recall the knot.

The so-called vapid creature, seen

In England till July, '14.

His fearsome ties that matched

his socks

Gave steady-going people

shocks.

Scarce one had a good word to

say

About the silly popinjay.

They even told him to his face

He was his country's worst

diagnose;

But when he heard his country

call

He didn't hesitate at all.

He didn't pose or make a fuss.

But took his gun and fought

for us.

Until his critics owned, indeed,

That Britain owned no finer

breed.

Gay as of yore he held the trench

In mud and blood and lethal

stench

Even when hope seemed almost

dead.

And others followed where he

led.

So it may be that those we call

Effeminate are, after all,

Inside the outer husk as high

In manhood's scale as you or I.

A young man was lying on an operating table ready for an examination.

Doctor (to attendant)—Bring in ethyl chloride.

Young Man (jumping up)—No, doctor; please don't bring a woman in here.

Edgar Wallace in the *Daily Mail*:—I would walk a mile to hear Paul Robeson sing "Oh! Man River," or Marie Burke telling me why she cannot help loving that man of hers. I can sit in a trance while a military band plays the Sullivan operas, or the "Soldiers' Chorus," or Tschalkovsky's "1812," or the overture to "Lohengrin," because I know that music and love it. But I never go to concerts, because they play things which are unknown to me, and which, in consequence, bore me to death. And yet I can sit for hours listening to Fritz Kreisler and know enough about music to realize that he was playing "God Save the King" in the wrong key at a Press Club dinner he attended.

Mr. Im Pak-hui, who was yesterday morning fined \$50 by the Chief Justice for failing to appear in answer to a summons to serve on the jury at the Criminal Sessions, attended at the Court in the afternoon and explained that his absence was due to the fact that he did not feel well. In the circumstances, the fine was reduced to \$10.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

MRS. SOUTHERN ON THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Mrs. Southern, wife of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, gave away the prizes at the annual distribution of the Victoria British School, held this morning.

There was a large attendance of parents of the children of the school and great interest was evinced in three short plays arranged by the students, which were presented after the reading of the school's report by the headmistress.

Considering the age of the performers, the plays were quite a success. Class 10 presented "One Christmas Eve" and some of the children, who were dressed up to take the roles of fairies and dolls, wore extremely pretty costumes. The bigger pupils presented "Sir Lancelot and Elaine," being a scene from the Court of King Arthur at Camelot. Miss M. J. Stuart was responsible for dramatizing the piece and she also designed the various costumes, which were both colourful and pleasing.

The Report.

The report, read by the Head Mistress (Mrs. E. M. Clark) was as follows:

The attendance since March has been satisfactory. Owing to an epidemic of whooping cough, the attendance in January and February was very poor. The number on the roll during the year was 58, as compared with 54 last year.

Mr. de Martin, Inspector of Schools, visited the school in June last. The Medical Officer of Schools paid several visits during the year and 19 pupils were vaccinated on December 12th. Mrs. A. G. Jefford with Class 10 has been carried on the good work begun by Mrs. Watt who preceded to Scotland in June. Mrs. C. I. Pryde has brought Class 9 well into line with the home standard. We have also to thank her for preparing the pupils for the Royal Drawing Society's Examination with the following results: Preparatory Division, Honours 2; passes, 14; Division I, Honours, 1; passes, 2.

The results in English, History and Geography in Class 8 are better than in previous years and Miss M. J. Stuart should feel gratified that she has succeeded in inculcating a love for literature in her class.

Class 7 has worked well throughout the year. All the pupils of this Class have passed their examination and will be transferred to the Central British School after Christmas.

Miss D. M. Jaques has visited the school on Mondays and Thursdays and the pupils have taken a keen interest in her lessons in drill, organised games and hygiene.

There have been several informal parties during the year—on the occasion of Mrs. Watt's farewell on "May Day" when Betty Longbottom was chosen queen, on Empire Day and on Halloween. The school has received gifts from several friends, who wish to remain anonymous. Among these were pot plants, a Christmas tree and decorations and a ping-pong table. The H.K.F.C. presented the V.B.S. team with a football. We appreciate these gifts greatly.

On December 5th, a Pack of Wolf cubs was started and on December 7th a Brownie Pack was formed. We thank Mrs. Remington and Mr. and Mrs. Smith for all they have done in establishing and fostering the movement in the school.

I should like to thank my staff for their loyal co-operation and for the real hard work done which has made it possible to raise the standard of work throughout the school. May I add on behalf of the staff a word of thanks to the parents who have assisted us in every possible way. We very much appreciate their co-operation.

The Prize List.

The prize list was as follows: Government Scholarship—Class 7.—Won by Joy Booker.

Class 7.—Joy Booker, Walter Pryde, Mary Taylor and Winifred Raven, for Proficiency. Noel Booker, special prize for Progress.

Class 8.—Henry Bunje, Harry Middleton, Betty Evans, Vivienne Hollidge, Billy Gegg, Frank Hughes and Nancy Duckworth, for Proficiency.

Class 9.—Billy Pryde, Mary Joy Parsons, Ross Robertson, Mickie Gibson, Derek Hollidge, Chas. Evans and Jack Kelly.

Class 9½.—Sheila Bruce.

Class 10½.—Jean Ewing, Moira Wattie and Watter Evans, for Proficiency.

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SERIOUS CHARGE AT SESSIONS.

INDIAN CONSTABLE APPEARS IN THE DOCK.

IDENTITY QUESTION.

The trial of Mowaz Khan, an Indian constable, on a charge of alleged rape against a Chinese girl, 19 years of age, was commenced at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is for the Crown and Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is defending.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy put in plans and photographs showing the scene of the alleged offence which was on a hillside at Kowloon City. Counsel commented that few people went along that path.

The girl, he continued, who lived at Ngau Shi-wan, Kowloon City, was 18 years of age by European reckoning. At about nine o'clock on the morning of October 17 she was cutting grass. Two Indian policemen, one being the prisoner, were on patrol that morning, and the two men came up behind the girl.

Girl Seized.

The prisoner seized her and took her behind a rock. In spite of the girl's cries and struggles, he proceeded to commit the offence with which he was charged. Afterwards the girl made a complaint to her mother at Ngau Shi Wan, following which they went to Kowloon City Police Station, from which place the girl was sent to hospital to be examined.

At an identification parade, said Mr. Fitzroy, the girl picked out the prisoner without any hesitation. The other Indian was questioned and made a statement to the Police Inspector as to what had happened that morning. He would say that the prisoner seized the girl and took her into the underground.

When charged with the offence, the prisoner said "I know nothing about it."

Mr. Fitzroy explained that the girl went deaf at an early age and consequently her vocabulary was limited. She understood her mother largely by lip-reading and it would be necessary for the mother to interpret.

Evidence of the identification parade was given by Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., Kowloon, who said that 18 Indian policemen were paraded, including the prisoner and the other Indian who was with him. The girl picked out the prisoner.

Identification Question.

In cross-examining the witness, Mr. D'Almada referred to Rule 3 of the amended Regulations for holding an identification parade, pointing out the rule stated that a suspected person should be placed among a number of other persons, not police. He said that he had to bring the point up because the girl failed to identify the prisoner in the dock, he then being in plain clothes.

His Lordship pointed out that in the present case it was necessary that the men paraded should be police, adding that Mr. D'Almada could comment on that.

Mr. D'Almada then referred witness to his evidence at the Police Court when he said "It was with hesitation the girl pointed him out."

Witness explained that he had considerable difficulty in making the girl understand the purpose of the parade and also had difficulty in getting her to identify anybody. She would walk along the line for a few paces and then walk away from the parade altogether. He could not say whether she made a similar move when she came to the prisoner.

Witness added that the hesitation was in the difficulty of making the girl understand, and not in the actual pointing out.

Mr. Calthrop, in reply to further questions, said the mother was by the girl's side. He did not know what the mother said to the girl. She pointed out the prisoner and said something to her mother simultaneously. She did not identify the other Indian. He did not notice the mother touch the girl, but he would probably have noticed it had she done so.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. L. Newton, medical officer, Kowloon Hospital, gave evidence as to his examination of the girl. He found no evidence of bruises.

Answering Mr. D'Almada, witness said he was quite sure that he found no marks of violence on the girl's body. She seemed to be of a very low order of intelligence. The marks found would be compatible with the girl having consented.

Witness further said that a girl might be reduced to such a state of fright that she would offer no opposition, especially if she had a weak mind.

The case is continuing.

ITALIAN MILITARY CHIEF ILL.

REPORT OF DEATH PROVES PREMATURE.

COUNT LUIGI CADORNA

Bordighera, Dec. 18. The death has occurred of Field-Marshal Count Luigi Cadorna, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Italian armies in the early part of the Great War. He was 78 years of age and had been living in retirement for many years.—*Reuter*.

Rome, Later. Count Luigi Cadorna is not dead, but he is lying ill at Bordighera in the gravest condition.—*Reuter*.

Count Cadorna was Italy's first commander in the war, though at the outbreak of hostilities between Italy and Austria he was in his 65th year.

His father, Count Raphael, had distinguished himself in the Crimean War, led the march on Rome in 1870, and until the incorporation of the States of the Church in the Kingdom of Italy was Governor of Rome.

The young Count was trained for the army, but he did not take part in the campaign against Rome, as

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No fewer than 68 heavily-armed junks were destroyed, upwards of a thousand guns taken or destroyed, 1,700 pirates killed in action and a thousand or more driven ashore in sampans into the swamps, where they probably died of starvation.

his father would not have him under his command. At a later stage in his army career he wrote on military subjects, notably a book on the Franco-German War of 1870-1 and studies of the northern frontier of Italy. He eventually joined the general staff under Pinelli and took part in the development of the Italian army.

In 1902 he had attained the rank of colonel. His later publications included "Principles for the Employment of Large Units" and "Principles of Warfare," which form the groundwork for the training of Italian officers, but as a quiet, dry-as-dust military expert he failed until the outbreak of the war to become popular with his countrymen.

War Experiences.

When Italy entered the field against Austria-Hungary, General Cadorna was chief of staff. From May 1915, to Nov. 1917, he directed the Italian operations on the Isonzo front. As the result of eleven great and costly attacks he was able to make little impression on the exceedingly strong positions held by the enemy and, as he was preparing a twelfth attack, he was

MALAY VOLUNTEER FUNDS.

FORMER COMMANDANT SENT TO TRIAL.

BREACH OF TRUST?

Singapore, Dec. 10.

The adjourned enquiry into the case of Captain J. H. V. Clarke, late Officer Commanding, Malay Volunteer Infantry, Negri Sembilan, was continued at Seremban Police Court on Dec. 7 before Mr. O. E. Venables, the Seremban Magistrate. Mr. L. B. Gibson D.P., conducted the enquiry and Mr. E. Jeff, counsel for the accused, was present in Court.

Mr. E. A. Reutens, State Treasurer, Negri Sembilan, was recalled for further evidence. According to the correspondent of the *Malay Mail*, he gave particulars of supplements to the M.V.I. votes for 1926, 1927 and 1928 up to Aug. 29. Accused had to send in a monthly statement of accounts to the balance of the M.V.I. accounts in the Chartered Bank, Seremban, to the State Treasurer. Witness produced three bundles of statements for 1926, 1927 and 1928.

Mr. W. C. Pullen, Sub-Accountant, Chartered Bank, Seremban, gave an account of accused's transactions with the Bank in connexion with the M.V.I. Negri Sembilan. He produced 14 original cheques signed by Captain Clarke, in paying out. Accused also had a personal account in the same bank for at least three years.

Mr. A. T. Newbould, Secretary to Resident, Negri Sembilan, recalled, produced Negri Sembilan Secretariat Files No. 1311/28, which relate to supplements to the Negri Sembilan M.V.I. votes for 1928. Witness explained the different documents and identified the initials of the Hon. Mr. J. W. Simmons, British Resident, Negri Sembilan, in the minutes.

Rafa, a clerk of the M.V.I., recalled, identified all the signatures in the cash book as those of Captain Clarke.

Mr. C. S. Kinder, A.C.P., O.C.P.D., Seremban, said that he executed Warrant No. 84116 against Captain Clarke at Teluk Anson at 4.15 p.m. on Nov. 2, 1928.

His Worship then charged the accused in the usual manner with criminal breach of trust as a servant entrusted with the votes of the M.V.I., Negri Sembilan, the amount involved amounting to \$1,500, and committed him to stand his trial at the next Negri Sembilan Assizes.

Accused reserved his evidence and was allowed bail in \$2,000.

met by a powerful German-Austrian counter-offensive. Unfortunately he had had to return a number of guns lent by the French and British which weakened his resistance.

Some of his units crumpled under the attack, the result of which was that all his gains were wiped out in a few days, for the entire army had to retreat fighting to the line of the Piave, where with British and French assistance it made a stand.

As a sequel to this defeat, which is known as the Caporetto disaster, Cadorna was recalled and replaced by General Diaz, under whom the Italians and Allied forces eventually drove back the enemy, winning the decisive battle of Vittorio Veneto.

In July 1918, Cadorna was deprived, not only of his rank, but of his retired pay; but in 1924 he was rehabilitated by the Mussolini Government which created him a Field Marshal.

REASSURING NEWS FROM KABUL.

BRITISH LEGATION SAFE AND BRIGANDS REPULSED.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

London, Dec. 18.

The Afghan Legation gives out reassuring news concerning the troubles in Kabul, stating that it has received a telegram from the Afghan capital dated to-day, bearing out its recent statement on the real state of affairs.

An official communique has been issued in which it is stated that the trouble began when approximately four hundred brigands led by Bad Chasa Quau attacked a suburb of Kabul on December 16th.

A large number of Government forces were hurried to the centre of the disturbance and engagement between the sides lasted a few hours, after which the leaders of the brigand band were either killed or captured.

The raid was easily repulsed by the Government troops and the situation in Kabul is now very quiet. The Eastern Province and Jelalabad are also normal.

British Legation Safe.

Gratifying news has also been received from Peshawar. Reuter's correspondent cabling that all is well at the British Legation in Kabul, communication having been re-established by aeroplane.

It was stated in official quarters last night that the events in Afghanistan were causing concern and news of the Legation staff and the British subjects in Kabul, was awaited with anxiety.

Lady Humphrys is with Sir Francis at the Legation where there are also three other English ladies and three children. Altogether there are sixteen British and Europeans in Kabul and between one and two thousand other British subjects.

The situation in Afghanistan is disquieting authoritative quarters in London, whose latest information from Kabul is dated the night of December 15, when the rebels had reached the outskirts of the capital and occupied two posts. King Amanullah was then reported at Dilkusha palace.

There is no evidence that the rebels are anti-British. There are sixteen Britishers in the Legation, which is two miles outside the city. The other British subjects in Kabul are non-European.

The Legation is situated outside the city and may not have been in the area of the fighting, but at the present time it is impossible to say whether its isolation may be a source of danger.

Legation's Version.

The Afghan Legation in London declares that King Amanullah and Queen Souriya are safe in their palace, and denies that the army has revolted. It declares that the "minor incidents of December 16, are due to a brigand chief raiding the suburb."—*Reuter*.

Disquieting Development.

New Delhi, Dec. 18. Postal communications with the Legation at Kabul were completely interrupted a month ago, and now failure of the wireless for three days past is disquieting official circles, coinciding with news of heavy fighting in and around Kabul.

An attempt is now being made to re-establish aeroplane communication.—*Reuter*.

Martial Law Enforced.

Peshawar, Dec. 18. According to travellers from Afghanistan via Kandahar and Quetta, martial law has been proclaimed at Kabul. Assemblies of over five persons are forbidden, curfew is being enforced, and there are frequent arrests.

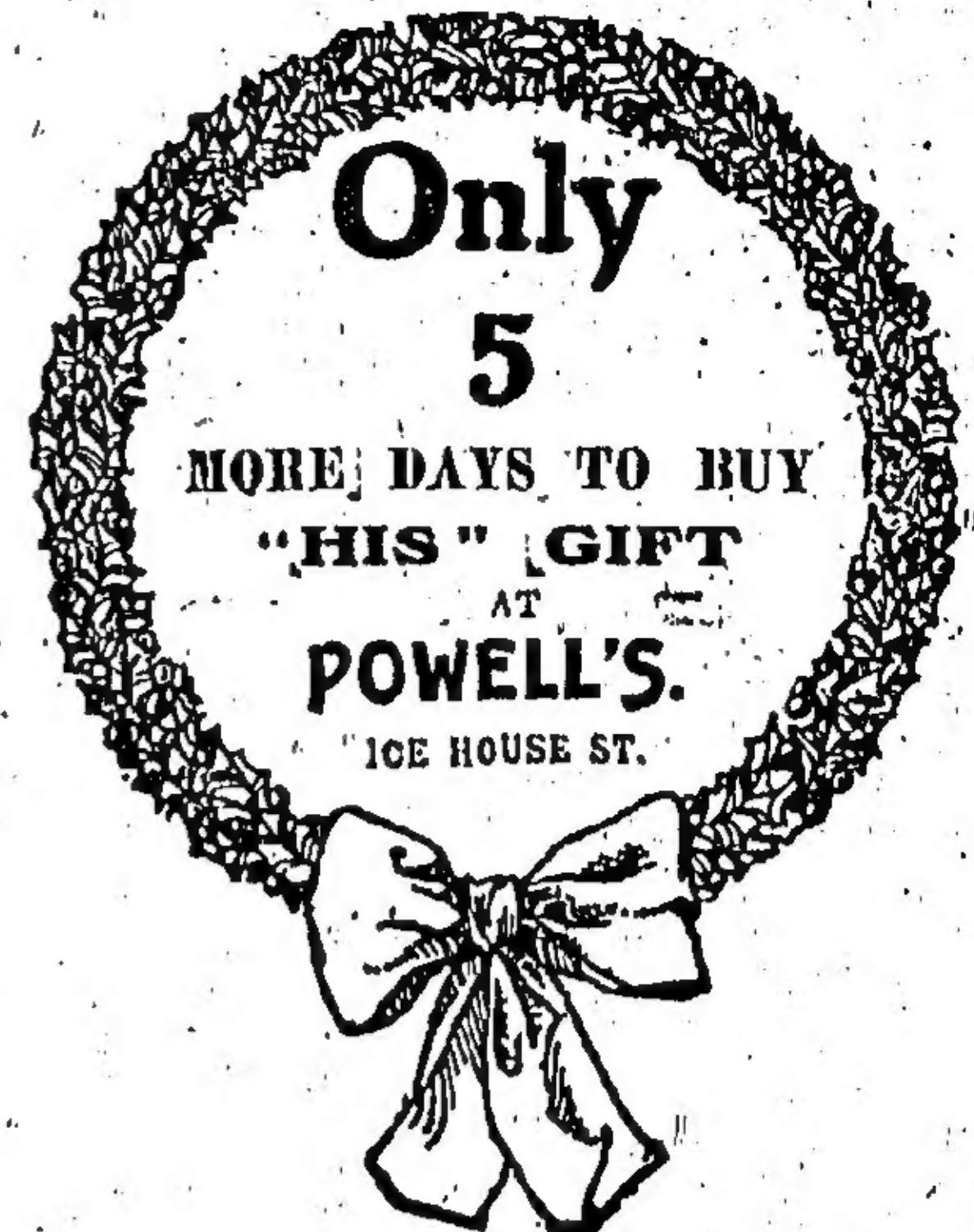
The rebels have surrounded Afghan troops at Nimla, near Jalalabad.

A Fatwa (edict) signed by twenty important Mullahs has been distributed, summoning the people to obey their ruler.—*Reuter*.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 18.	
Paris	124.10
New York	4.85 5/16
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.17
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.11 1/2
Copenhagen	18.17
Oslo	18.11 1/2
Vienna	34.44 1/2
Prague	168 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Madrid	29.82 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/4
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	807 1/2
Rio	520/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/10 1/2
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/6 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 1/2 3/4
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The proprietor of the China Ladies Hair-Dressing Saloon, of No. 5, D'Agallur Street, Mr. Yau Lok-tin, was summoned this morning by Fung Lai-cheng, one of his woman barbers, for the payment of wages stated to amount to \$60, and for assaulting the latter's mother. The summons which was taken before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court, was adjourned.

Seven men alleged to have been concerned in armed robbery and kidnapping at Shatin on December 9, were formally charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and remanded for one week.

Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., the well-known men's wear specialists, have issued a handy desk calendar for the coming year.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

The Combined League were not at full strength on Saturday against the University on account of the Hongkong C.C. members' match, but the side which travelled to Pokfulam was strong enough to defeat the home team by a handsome margin.

The players were outstanding in an eleven which was made up of the best talents from the other clubs affiliated to the Senior League, with the exception of the Navy and the Royal Artillery from whom there were no selections.

W. C. Hung, of the Chinese R.C., demonstrated his batting ability in a brilliant innings, specialising in his powerful off drive. P. Goodwin, the Interporter and K.C.C. captain, was in one of his happiest moods with the ball. His feat in taking five wickets for 21 runs was all the more praiseworthy in that it was performed on matting wicket. Another "bat trick" has to be recorded in his favour as he took three wickets with successive deliveries in his fifth over.

Bruce, who opened the visitors' innings with E. C. Fincher, had only a short spell at the wickets but did practically all the run-getting. Fincher was far too retrained and would have done better had he taken more liberty with the easy bowling.

E. Zimmermann, who turns out for Craigamover in the League, saved the Varsity from what might have been a very bad collapse as he made almost half of the 96 runs put up by his side.

Had the University beaten the Combined League it would have come as a great surprise but the way they went under by such a big margin cannot be said to have been unexpected. On present form, the chances of the Pokfulam XI to retain the championship are none too rosy but they have not fallen off so badly, as some may imagine, as not to be able to give the best sides a close run. Now that the Exams are over they are putting in more practice at the nets and hope to be able to get into their stride again before the commencement of their League fixtures.

By playing a draw with the weak R.A.S.C. team in the Junior Division, I.R.C. 2nd XI have rather jeopardised their prospects of carrying off the championship. Although the Indians are still at the head of the table, the Royal Engineers and Signals, who are four points behind but have two matches in hand, are now holding a slight advantage over the leaders.

M. P. Madar again gave his side a very good start. He was responsible for over 45 runs when the first 50 was put up. A. S. Sufiad and Kitchell, both of whom were at one time or another with their senior team, also made a stand.

The R.A.S.C. were quite satisfied to get their one point but I think that if they had shown more enterprise they might just as easily have taken the full three points. To make 127 against the Indians on that day when their fielding was unusually slack was really within the power of the weakest side in the League.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI played their second drawn match when they entertained Club de Recreio. The latter surprisingly put up the big total of 158 of which Alves, their all-rounder, claimed 62. The home team were not left with sufficient time to force a win and under the circumstances they were more concerned about playing for a division of the points and did well to get 88 runs for five wickets.

The Kowloon-Civil Service match in the First Division this week should be a high scoring affair. The odds are in favour of the Peninsula XI for a victory but as their bowling generally does not seem to be too good I will not be surprised should a drawn game ensue. C.R.C. are looking forward to entertaining the Hongkong C.C. While not hoping to be able to seriously exceed their opponents, the Chinese are likely to gain some valuable pointers in orthodox batsmanship should Hayward or Pearce come off. I understand the University v. I.R.C. fixture has been postponed.

There will be a full programme in the Junior League, four matches

LOCAL SOCCER.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN CHARITY GAME.

The annual match between the Navy and Army, for Services charities, was played yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground, and ended in a win for the Navy by four goals to one. Previous to the kick-off, the full band of the Beds. and Herts. Regt., and the Pipe band of the Officers by kind permission of the Officers Commanding and Officers, played selections on the field.

H. E. the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Sir R. Tyrwhitt, and H. E. Major General Luard, G.O.C., were present throughout the game, other spectators including Commodore R. A. Scott-Hill and Col. L. J. Conyn, K.O.S.B.

When the Navy took the field the band of the Beds. and Herts. played "Hearts of Oak," and when the Army followed the tune of the "British Grenadier" was played. The teams lined out as under:

Navy—Ldg. Tel. Brockman (Titania); A. B. MacGregor (Kent) and Ldg. Sec. Baker (Titania); A. B. Cope (Tamar), Cpl. Perks (Capt. Berwick) and A. B. Moss (Cumberland); A. B. Barkham (Titania), A. B. Evans (Bruce), A. B. Jones (Kent), A. B. Mann (Cumberland) and O. S. Bowles (Queen's) and Army—Eden, Mott (Beds. and Herts.); Sgt. Hooper (Queen's) and Pte. Martin (K.O.S.B.); Pte. Everest (K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Hill (Capt. Queen's) and Sgt. Skiggs (K.O.S.B.); Pte. Cross (Beds. and Herts.); Pte. Berry (Beds. and Herts.); Sgt. Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Leach (R.A.) and Sgt. Caldwell (Queen's).

The Navy were the better team throughout. They were two goals up within ten minutes of the start, these being scored by Mann and Jones.

In the second half, Jones registered two more for the Navy and Cross headed through for the Army.

For the winners, Barkham, Jones, Mann and Evans were the outstanding players, and their work gave the Navy defence many anxious moments. The match ball was raffled during the interval and won by ticket No. 6277.

LOCAL CRICKET.

VOLUNTEER TEAMS FOR SUNDAY.

The following teams will represent the Volunteer in matches as below on Sunday, 23rd December:

1st XI v. Royal Navy on Navy Ground at King's Park at 1.30 p.m. sharp.—A. W. Hayward, (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, O. S. Moor, E. C. Fincher, G. A. V. Hall, S. Jex, H. L. F. Ewin, R. H. D. Wade and S. V. Gittins.
 "A" Team v. C.R.C. on C.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. sharp.—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), S. J. Jordan, R. R. Davies, J. A. Summers, E. R. West, G. E. R. Diyett, V. W. L. Stanton, H. T. Buxton, S. C. Banks, J. J. Hirst and E. Zimmermann.

LADIES' TENNIS.

DIOCESAN GIRLS BEAT LADY UNDERGRADUATES.

A friendly match was played yesterday afternoon on the University ground, between a team of University lady undergraduates and the Diocesan Girls' School, the visitors winning by a margin of 11 games. Scores were as follow:

M. Mason and M. Chan (D.G.S.) beat B. Chen and B. Draper 8-3; beat F. Wong and G. Ho Tung 8-3; lost to R. Kwok and J. Ho Tung 5-6.
 T. Ellis and G. White (D.G.S.) beat B. Chen and B. Draper 8-3; lost to F. Wong and G. Ho Tung 4-7; beat R. Kwok and J. Ho Tung 6-5.
 B. Walker and L. Lee (D.G.S.) beat B. Chen and B. Draper 7-4; lost to F. Wong and G. Ho Tung 4-7; lost to R. Kwok and J. Ho Tung 5-6.
 Total, D.G.S. 55; Varsity 44.

The treasurer of the Shamen Poppy Day Fund has just sent a cheque to the Earl Haig Fund for £239 5s. 9d., the result of poppies sold on Shamen on Armistice Day. This compares with £167 2s. 10d. for the previous year.

being down for decision. After a long absence, the University 2nd XI, title holders, will make a welcome re-appearance. They will visit Soekmupoon to engage the I.R.C. seconds and as both sides appear to be of about the same strength a close tussle should be seen. Club de Recreio are likely to get the full three points at the expense of the Electric R.C. Kowloon might find H.K.C.C. a hard nut to crack, and the Police will probably make Civil Service go all out to win.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

(Continued from Page 9.)

Class 10th.—Peter Brooksbank, Arnold Brooksbank, Colin de Rome, Roy de Rome, Armotte Gibson and Michael Odell, for Progress.

Mrs. Southern's Speech.

Addressing the scholars, Mrs. Southern said:—A prize-giving is a pleasant function. Some schools have no prizes. I think that is very dull. It is only human to enjoy a reward for good work.

I am especially glad to give away the prizes to-day, for last term at the Victoria British showed a landmark in its history—the formation of Cub and Brownie Packs. I am most grateful to Mrs. Clark for encouraging the Brownie Pack and to Mrs. Smith for taking it over. Someone said to me the other day, "Do you really believe in Guides and Brownies?" Believe in them! Why, I think that the two Movements—Scout and Guide—are one of the greatest helps towards the ultimate peace of the world. The older I grow, the more I believe in them, the keener I am to assist their development by every means in my power.

Do realise, all of you, that the formation of a Brownie Pack is a great event in the history of the school? It means that by one promise you rain 700,000 friends all over the world. Your life becomes richer by all those friends. Put your very best into your Brownie work. Be determined that your Pack shall be a first-class Pack, spreading useful work and kindly deeds far and wide.

You will be amused at a story of a Brownie in England that I heard the other day. A little Brownie had worked very, very hard, and she had won her First Class. On the day she won it, her Mother heard her say her prayers as usual, and the Brownie said:—"Please God, make me a good girl, but you needn't trouble too much about it, for I'm a First Class Brownie now."

It was very amusing, but not quite the right spirit. Brownies must be humble—no must prize-winners. It is a great thing to remember a wise and witty saying:—"You read of but one wise man, and all that he knew was that he knew nothing."

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIAN R. C. SECOND ELEVEN AGAINST UNIVERSITY.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. in the above match on Saturday 22nd inst. on the I.R.C. ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—Sirdar Khan (Capt.), M. P. Madar, A. S. Sufiad, M. B. Kitchell, A. M. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn, R. Nazarin, A. R. Sufiad, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, and M. R. Abbas. Reserve, F. M. el Arcull.

Subsequent to docking at Tal-koo yesterday, the s.s. Yuet On was taken in hand and the broken shaft drawn. Estimates as to the time taken for repair and renewal are between two and three weeks.

If we think of all the things we don't know, we feel quite alarmed. The girl who doesn't win a prize may become some day more useful or more famous than the successful prize-winner. But at the same time success is sweet, and no one should grudge the prize-winners the reward of hard work. I for one congratulate them heartily and wish them further success both in school and in the future beyond their school days.

The Plays.

The following children took the part in the plays:

Class 10:—Sheila Bruce, Beverleigh Bultitude, Peter Brooksbank, Dorothy Kelly, Mildred Kelly, Ellen Barnett, Dorothy Salmon, Roy de Rome, Colin de Rome, Michael Odell, Peter Hosegood, John Anderson, Alan Anderson, Fleming Kinnaird, Pat Burnett, Walter Evans, Annette Gibson, Arnold Brooksbank, Moira Watie and Jean Ewing.

Class 9:—Mary Joy Parsons, Hyllon Edmondson, Ross Robertson, Mickie Gibson, Sheila Bruce, Charlie Evans, Geoff Stone, Billy Pryde, Derek Hollidge, Terry Lockhart, Sheila Bruce, Jack Kelly, Jackie Odell, John Thornhill, and Billy Hosegood.

Class 8:—Harry Middleton, Betty Evans, Mary Joy Parsons, Frank Hughes, David Parsons, Vivienne Hollidge, Henry Bunje, Nancy Duckworth, Mac Sayers, Eric Stone and Billy Gegg.

SHANGHAI HOTEL ROBBERY.

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riings, pearls, platinum ornaments and neck chains.

Cash Sum Stolen.
 In addition, a letter of credit for £500 was gone, as was £30 in Bank of England notes.

The room boy saw only the backs of the retreating men and could not give a description of them, except to state that they were both foreigners. Mrs. Stewart described them as being from 30 to 35 years old, of dark complexion and garbed in dark lounge suits. Both were sturdy but not stout. They were fully dressed but neither wore overcoats nor hats.

Early yesterday morning Sergeants Widdowson and Behen, after a careful search of the room, found a large part of the loot hidden in a jewel box in the bed. It had been cleverly secreted.

Most Recovered.

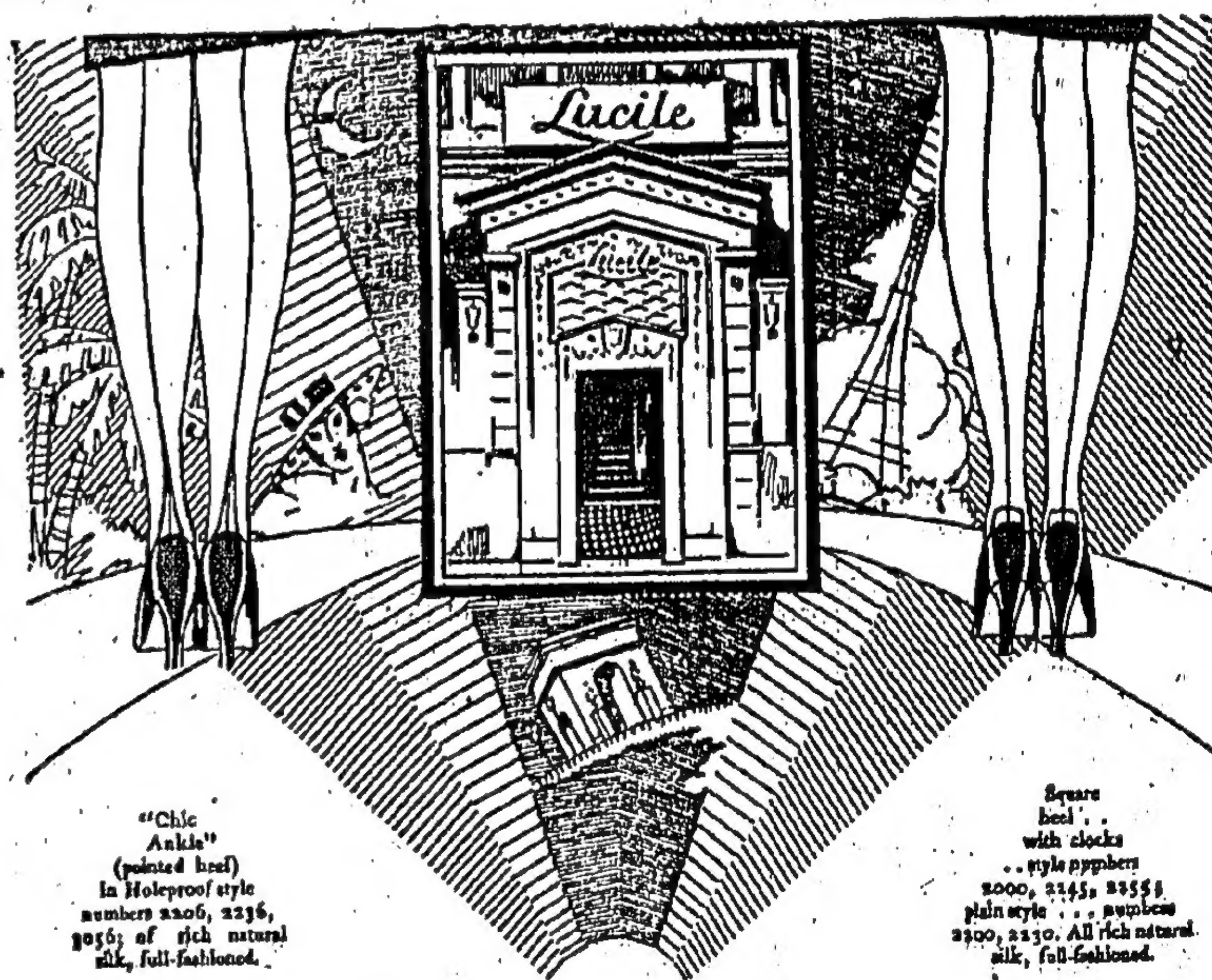
The entire lot of the thieves is estimated at about \$10,000, most of which has been recovered. Police believe that the two men intended to return later and obtain the contents of the jewel box, or else became frightened when Mrs. Stewart suddenly returned to her room, choosing to hide the valuables in the bed in order to return at another time.

AN OPIUM CAPTURE.

OLD WOMAN WITH LARGE QUANTITY.

Revenue officer Tallon applied to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for a short remand in a case in which an elderly Chinese female was charged with being in possession of about 106 taels of prepared opium and about one pound of raw opium at No. 141, Shanghai Street. It was stated that the analyst's report was not ready for production. The case was adjourned till Friday.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the master of a trading junk, charged with mooring his craft inside the Causeway-Bay Typhoon Shelter without permission, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.



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SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

SIR L. WORTHINGTON-EVANS'S
STATEMENT AT DINNER.Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Chairman of
the China Association, wrote as
follows to *The Times*:

In your report of the proceedings at the China Association dinner on November 22 Sir Laming Worthington-Evans is credited with the statement that "the British taxpayer would have to pay altogether about £4,000,000 on account of the (Shanghai) Defence Force, and the Government felt that what could be done locally should be done." Divorced from its context, I venture to think that this abridged sentence conveys an impression which was not intended by the speaker. For the benefit of your readers who may be interested in the subject I would feel grateful if you would allow me to add one or two observations which seem necessary if the picture is to be viewed in correct perspective. The payment of some £4,000,000 is a small enough insurance premium if one considers the value of the British taxpayer of the trade which he had at stake. Further, had this Defence Force not been sent when it was, it is now generally conceded that the British taxpayer would have found himself faced with the necessity of financing an infinitely larger military expenditure than was incurred. As indicated in another part of Sir Laming Worthington-Evans's speech, the Defence Force was more than justified, in that it "formed an oasis of law and order and a stability was secured which gave new courage to the British and the Chinese themselves."

The bare statement that "the Government felt that what could be done locally should be done" I cannot believe was intended as a criticism of the action or conduct of British residents in China. The great sacrifices that have been made by our fellow-countrymen there in the past few years, the loss of personal property they have incurred, the danger which they have cheerfully faced, and the ignominy to which they have so often been exposed have been borne with the same spirit of dogged and uncompromising perseverance which has characterized the British nation in all times of stress and, in bare justice to those men and women overseas, I hope I am right in my belief that Sir Laming did not intend to impute any failure to them. I mentioned in my subsequent remarks from the chair several instances clearly demonstrating the loyal and effective way in which they have co-operated in carrying out the Government's policy.

Manchester University has received a bequest of £10,000, free of duty, from the estate of Mr. Robert Otley.

WIRELESS BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME
FOR TO-DAY.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Demonstration Programme.
7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Evening Programme (Columbia Records).
"League of Nations" Fox Trot.
"McElroy's Spanish Ball Room Band." Fox Trot.
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"Just a Little Bit O' Driftwood." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"Out-O'-Town Gal." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"When Erasmus Plays His Old Kazoo." Fox Trot.
"My Little Home." Garden Dancing Palace Orch.
"Fox Trot." Paul Whiteman.
"Last Night I Dreamed You Kissed Me." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"Evening Star." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"Felix The Cat." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"Mother Goose Parade." Fox Trot. Paul Whiteman.
"Siegfried." Grand Fantasy. Garde Republique Band.
"Chorus: Prelude on the Old 104th Psalm." Organ Solo by Dr. A. W. Wilson.
"When the Crimson Sun Had Set." Manchester Cathedral Choir.
"Christmas Memories." A Dream Fantasy. Herman Finck and his Orch.
"Our Child." Charles E. Moran.
"Elder Kalmers's Sermon on Throwing Stones." Charles E. Moran.
"Lucia Di Lammermoor." (a) Spargie Un Amaro Pianto Maria Gentile.
(b) Alfin Son Tun Maria Gentile.
"Rondo in E Flat Major." Piano solo by Ignaz Friedman.
"Viennese Dance No. 1." Piano solo by Ignaz Friedman.
"Sicilienne." Cello Solo by W. H. Squire.
"Slumber Song." Cello Solo by W. H. Squire.
"Casse Noisette Suite." B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.
"Christmas Melodies." Paul Whiteman.
"Silent Night, Holy Night." Paul Whiteman.
"Rosamunde." Overture. Halle Orchestra.
"Le Coq D'Or." (a) Russian Dance B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.
(b) Bridal Procession B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.
10 p.m. British Official Wireless Press.
"Hungarian Rhapsody No. 8." Piano Solo by Ethel Luginska.
"The Merry Widow." Paul Whiteman.
"The Chocolate Soldier." Paul Whiteman.
"Faust." Selections. Columbia Symphony Orchestra.
God Save The King.
Close Down.

Miss Lena Ashwell returned to the stage to act in the lifeboat play at the Lyceum matinee on December 11.

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YAUMATI ROBBERY.

FIVE YEAR SENTENCES FOR
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The story of a robbery on board a sampan at Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, when two of the men jumped into the water to escape but were captured, while a third man got away, was told at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

A charge of robbery by two or more was preferred against the two captured men, Pun Tak and Ko Cho. They were alleged to have boarded the sampan, No. 4163V, with another unknown, on October 29 and robbed Fan Mei of a purse containing a gold ring and \$140 in money.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who prosecuted for the Crown, stated that the affair occurred at about nine o'clock at night. The prisoners apparently hired a boat to take them alongside the sampan, which was lying next to a coal hulk. Between that hulk and the shore there were other hulks, so that a person could reach land from the sampan by going from one hulk to another.

When the three men boarded the sampan, continued counsel, they told Fan Mei that they were searching for opium or contraband. They searched the boat but found nothing so they started to search the woman on whom they found the purse and its contents. The second prisoner handed the purse to the unknown man who promptly made his escape to the shore and got away. The woman raked the sampan and her husband, who was in another boat nearby, came to her assistance with others. The two prisoners jumped into the water but were chased and caught by people in sampans.

When charged at the police station, the first prisoner stated that he was standing near when someone pushed him into the water, while the second man said that he knew nothing about it. He had stated that he went there to borrow money from someone on one of the boats.

His Lordship remarked he saw there was an allegation that one man had a revolver, and asked if such a weapon was found.

Mr. Fitzroy replied in the negative, adding that nothing of an incriminating nature was found on either of the men.

Mr. Fitzroy concluded by stating that at the Magistracy both men made long statements to the effect

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that someone threatened them with a dagger and took money from them.

The complainant, in giving evidence, said that she received the \$140 from a Money Loan Association drawing.

Her husband stated that he watched the robbers' movements while he was squatting on another boat and did not take a hand until his wife cried out.

At the close of the evidence, the jury found both the prisoners guilty and his Lordship, addressing the latter, said he fully agreed with the verdict of the jury and that his only hesitation was whether he should order them to be flogged. As the prisoners had not hurt anybody, his Lordship would not make the order.

Sentence of five years' imprisonment with hard labour was then passed on each of the men.

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SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Union Church was held in the premises of the Church at Jordan Road last night. The Rev. J. Horace Johnston occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. F. C. Young, Minister of the Union Church, Kennedy Road.

That the committee of the Church were satisfied with the year's working was indicated in their report, which was read to the congregation. It reads in part as follows:

The work has been well maintained throughout the year, the attendance at the Services during the summer being particularly encouraging.

The contributions to the Funds have been generous, and have slightly exceeded the estimates so that a useful balance of \$314 is carried over to next year. It should be noted, however, that a sum of no less than \$8,146 has been drawn from interest on the Sir Paul Chater Donation. Besides the subsidy towards current expenses, entered in our accounts, several items of equipment have been paid for by the Trustees of that Fund.

A good piano has been provided for use in the Sunday School and at social meetings. The Social Committee have undertaken to defray the cost by means of a series of concerts, and have nearly completed their task.

The sustained interest in the Services during the summer was partly due to the fine work done by the choir, which has been greatly appreciated. Thanks are due to Mr. Chapman for his leadership during nearly two years, and during the last six months to Mr. Frank White, who has put his whole heart into the work.

A present, of the value of \$95, was made to Mr. Andrews on his departure, in recognition of his faithful service as organist. We hereby tender thanks to Mr. Phillips for help with the instrument during the early part of the year, and to Mrs. White, who was appointed Honorary Organist, in August.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School continues to increase, and the sympathetic interest of the Congregation is invited to the report which the Sunday School's secretary will present.

A Women's Guild was formed at the beginning of the Year in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, and the venture has proved most successful. Their work will be summarised in a separate report.

An effort is being made to organize a Young People's Society in connexion with the Church, and several promising meetings have been held.

When the Rev. Kirk Macdonald left the Colony, a farewell meeting was arranged in this Church and a blackwood cabinet of his own choice, costing \$185, was presented to him with a silver plate commemorating his zeal and enterprise in founding this Cause. This brings the total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes to \$6,318.28.

The question of the Church site occupied much attention through the year, and as the reservation in Ma Tan Wei was considered too remote, application was made through the Union Church, Hongkong, for the Jordan Road corner where we are, which the Government has kindly granted us for the erection of a Church and other necessary buildings. The cost of erecting a Church to seat about 300 persons and a six-roomed Manse, including the preparation of the site but not including any furniture, is estimated by the architects at \$69,000.

Marriage was solemnised six times in the Church during the period under review.

The Women's Guild.

The report of the Women's Guild, as read by Mrs. Nelson, showed that as a result of the recent sale of work \$354.50 was collected. The Guild has now a credit balance in hand of \$511.08.

The Sunday School's activities were also read out to the meeting, and gave indications of both a prosperous and growing institution.

The meeting decided that in future the Subscribers' List be done away with, and the funds for the Church be collected under the "Envelope System." Those who wish to join the Union Church, Kowloon, are in future to be invited to sign a Church Roll, and will be supplied with a Promise Form, where they can note down the amount of their weekly offering, together with name and address, and envelopes will be forwarded to them by the Church with which they can contribute the promised offering from time to time.

A white Wyandotte cockerel won five prizes for Lord Dewar, who had 60 birds at the show of poultry, pigeons and rabbits at the Crystal Palace.

FORGED BANKNOTES.

HOW ANXIETY SPOILED THE POLICE PLAN.

Further interesting disclosures were made yesterday upon the resumption, before Mr. R. E. Lind-soll, of the case against eleven alleged traffickers in forged Hong-kong and Shanghai Bank notes.

It was explained that the purpose of the Criminal Investigation Department was to round up the local organization responsible for the "placing" of forged notes smuggled from Canton. The culminating point of many months of patient work was to have been the completion of a transaction, in which Chinese members of the Department were to pose as potential buyers for the purpose of securing direct contact with the gang and of getting hold of the forged notes.

But a hitch occurred when rendered uneasy at the prolonged absence of the officers, it was found necessary to surround the building at 114, Des Voeux Road West where the transaction took place, with the police that the presence of the police was detected and the gang were put on their guard.

It turned out that the proposed transaction was never completed at all, owing to this unforeseen circumstance.

Detective's Evidence.

One of the two Chinese officers concerned said that they met the alleged leader of the gang in the floor, a man named Chan Wing, who was now still at large. Chan Wing was satisfied with the production of \$2,000 in notes which the officers brought with them as "purchase" money, and instantly sent subordinates to fetch the forgeries. These notes never arrived, and Chan Wing, who had himself gone out of the house to find out what was wrong, came back, in a state of panic, to say that "police officers were watching the house and that the game was up."

Had the transaction been completed, the detectives were to have dropped a lighted cigarette over the verandah as a signal for the raid to be carried out. As it was, rendered uneasy by the long absence of the detectives on the floor without any indication of the cause of the delay, it was found necessary for those who co-operated with them to move closer in.

Chan Wing was forced to defer the transaction, suggesting a general move to the Meichow Hotel. But he never turned up, and in point of fact, after getting out of the house, managed to elude the watching police.

Simultaneous Raids.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., in explanation of the turn which the case took at this point, told the Court that it was the intention to carry out the different raids simultaneously. At the last moment it was found necessary to raid No. 19 Queen's Road East first of all, in consequence of the march of developments, but this move although it represented a departure from original plans, in his view, did not affect the situation as a whole. Following the raid at No. 19, the inmates, and those who entered during the proceedings, were cooped up, so there could possibly be no means of a warning being sent out to No. 114. It was the prolonged absence of the detectives sent into the latter floor to pose as buyers, which led those co-operating with them to approach nearer than was discreet, in their ignorance of the exact turn of the transaction.

The evidence of the detectives yesterday was to some extent explanatory of this delay.

It appears that word was brought back to those waiting in the floor for the arrival of the forged notes, that a deposit which had been paid to one, alleged to be "Slicky" Nam, against the delivery of the notes, was lost, as also was Ah Nam, who once more lived up to his name by double-crossing and absconding with the deposit money. That baffled Chan Wing, who, after arranging for a further interview with the detectives at the Meichow Hotel, himself bent a hurried retreat in face of the impending danger presented by the close proximity of the police.

The hearing was adjourned.

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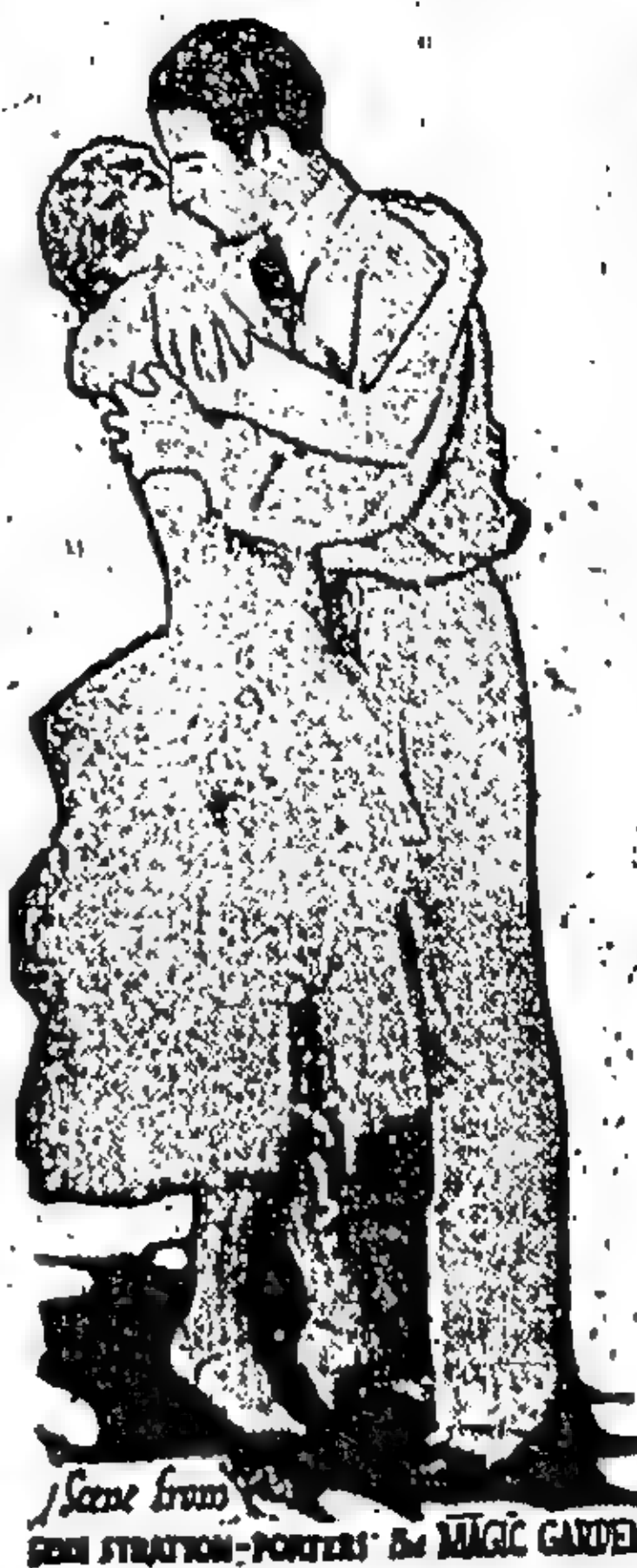
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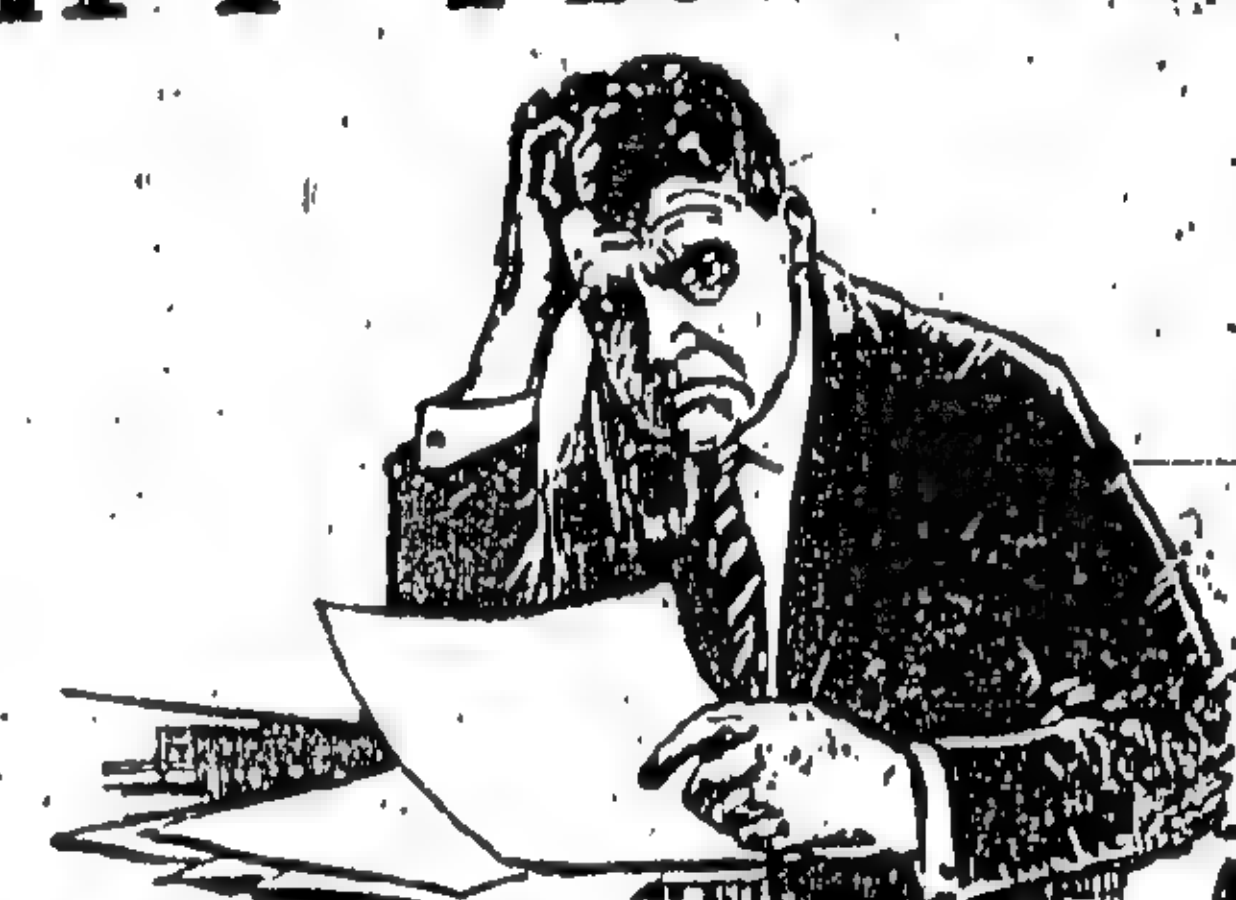
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WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

CHAPTER XXIX

The old lawyer surveyed his client appraisingly. "I've sent for you," he told her unexpectedly, "to talk about your clothes and deportment."

Sybil gasped. "My goodness!" she said. "What's the matter with them?"

"The appearance of a woman in a divorce case," explained Mr. Peterson gravely, "is of the utmost importance. I do not want you to be too modish. There are juriesmen who confuse chiffon hose and lipstick with worse things. Nine men out of 12 on every jury are provincial. Please use very little rouge. No lipstick. And that stuff women put on their eyes—not a bit. You understand?"

"Now about your clothes—a dark dress is best for court. And that black hat you wore the other day—the one with the white things on it—you'd better wear that, I think. It made you look very young and innocent."

Sybil suppressed a smile. Mr. Peterson was so naive.

"That's all right," he blustered defensively. "You'd be surprised at the difference a thing like that makes."

"Now, you want to remember that your husband may bring entirely unsubstantiated charges against you. Before we counter with any word in your defence, I want you to refute by demure appearance and womanly assurance every whisper of disgrace."

Plea for divorce had been entered on grounds of gross and confirmed habits of intoxication.

Mabel Moore was to testify regarding the debauches in Havana that began on Sybil's wedding night, and Jack was to confirm Sybil's allegation of the condition of her husband on the night she left him.

Fortunately the San Genito was in dry dock, so that Bill Grimm, a bedroom steward, was summoned to testify regarding the number of cocktails served in the stateroom occupied by John Arnold and Richard Eustis.

Various people from New Haven were to be called, and Richard's record, obtained from the probation officer, would show that he had been in court charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. His automobile license had been revoked for driving under the influence of liquor.

Mr. Peterson had unearthed abundant evidence of various indiscretions, all admissible as bearing out the charge on which Sybil pinned her plea for divorce. It looked as though Richard had not, as they say, a leg to stand on.

And then, like Macchiavelli, hatching machinations, that gentleman played his trump card. It came in the form of a letter from the man with the forced face.

"My client begs me to inform you that, unless all divorce proceedings are dropped immediately, he will institute suit against Mr. Craig Newhall, of your city, for alienation of affections, asking damages in the sum of \$100,000. Expecting a favourable reply by return mail we beg to remain—"

It was the day before the opening of the trial. Valerie, horrified at the prospect of facing Richard in court, had begged to stay at home with Teddy. Sybil was to sit with Tad and her mother.

"Mothers lend respectability to trials like this," explained Mr. Peterson suavely. "A little grey-haired woman, with a handkerchief at her eyes, is an ace in the hole."

"Carry yourself proudly," he admonished Sybil, "but not arrogantly. And when I call you to the stand, smile at the jury. There's a human element that's stronger than statutes. You've got to sell yourself to that jury."

Mr. Peterson had exploded vociferously when Sybil showed him the letter threatening suit for alienation.

"The little whippersnapper! Think he can frighten us that way, does he? We'll show him!" "But—but—" Sybil stammered. "What if he did bring suit?"

"No grounds to bring it on, has he? Most ridiculous thing I ever heard of. Poppycock!" "But I think I'd better tell Craig. It would be awful if Richard dragged him into this. I'd rather drop everything than have my friends involved."

The lawyer picked up his phone. "Get Mr. Craig Newhall," he directed the operator, "and tell him I must see him at once."

LAHORE OUTRAGE.

RAIDS AND AN ARREST.

Lahore, Dec. 18. Indrajit, the son of the editor of the daily paper *Arya Samaj*, has been arrested at his father's house,

Then he turned to Sybil again. "Now, run along home," he told her kindly, "and don't bother your pretty head any more. I want you to be rested and charming tomorrow. Can't you see that this is only a desperate manoeuvre to rout you completely? I'll send young Newhall around to see you, after I finish with him."

"Oh, don't do that," she protested. "He mightn't want to." It was mid-afternoon, and she and Teddy were scuffling through the leaves under the maples. Teddy's teddy-bear suit was scarlet, and matched the hat his mother wore. As Craig swung up the street he thought they made a very pretty picture. What a shame the whole thing was!

"Hello, Sib. Well, Teddy, old man—how's the boy?"

Sybil greeted him apprehensively. Had he seen Mr. Peterson?

Yes—just came from there. Had Sybil seen the afternoon papers? He extended them gingerly.

"Fifteen sheets! There, Sib—steady, old girl."

A picture of her on the front page. The one taken the winter she came out. Craig in golf clothes, taken the day of the tournament at the Country Club. A portrait study of Richard, shirt open at the throat, a cigarette at his lips. Grouped triangle fashion. Surmounted by flaming headlines:

"NEW HAVEN MAN ASKS \$100,000 FOR ALIENATION OF YOUNG WIFE'S LOVE"

"Craig Newhall Said to Have Stolen Love of Pretty Matron"

"Sensational Divorce Trial Interests Boston Society"

"Richard Eustis Says Sybil Thorne Deceived Him on Their Honeymoon"

"New Haven Ct., Nov. 2—Richard Eustis, young man about town, defendant in the strangest divorce case in the history of jurisprudence, defended himself today against charges brought by his wife, formerly Sybil Thorne, beautiful Boston society girl. The case, which will be heard before Judge Cartoni at Madison, promises to attract wide attention. Mrs. Eustis, alleging gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, has petitioned for the custody of Teddy, infant son of the couple. She wishes the right to resume her maiden name, and desires that her son shall be known as Edward Thorne."

"Mr. Eustis, who has announced his intention of fighting for the boy, declares that he has never seen the child. Moreover, he declares he was unaware of the existence of his son until Mrs. Eustis brought suit. The tale of the marriage of the young couple rivals the most lurid fiction. And now the aftermath of their strange romance, replete with suits, reads like a movie scenario."

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"Mr. Newhall, prominent in the political and social life of Boston—"

"My God, Craig!"

"Pretty raw, isn't it?"

"Oh, Craig, it's awful! Awful!"

"Peterson says he may get in trouble for contempt of court. It isn't the thing, you know, to try a case in the newspapers."

"But the harm's done! Oh, Craig, can you ever forgive me?"

"Forgive you, you poor darling! But I'll wring his neck—I swear I will. Dragging the baby into this way. He ought to get shot. It's the rottenest thing in the world. Heaping insults on you. The dirty, lying—"

A man came down the street with a camera. A huge, heavy thing that dragged one shoulder down.

"Excuse me, Mister, can you tell me where the Thornes live?"

"You're from a paper, I suppose?"

The man's quick intelligence took in the situation.

"You said it," he agreed, and hastily slid a plate into his camera.

"I thought so. Well, I'm Craig Newhall, and the young lady is Miss Thorne. The little boy is here. Now if you click that camera of yours, I'll smash it to smithereens, and every bone in your body with it."

(To Be Continued.)

WEIGHED IN BALANCE.

SCALES AND MEASURES AGAINST BUYERS.

A charge of using a pair of scales which were two per cent. against the purchaser was brought against the master of a tobacco and tea shop of Ki Lung Street, Shamshulpo, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant pleaded that he had only just taken over the business and did not know the scales were inaccurate.

Remarking that it was a very funny thing scales were never against the seller, his Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

A similar offence in respect of two rice measures was alleged against the master of a rice shop. In one case the measure was 3.55 per cent. against the purchaser while the other was 4.5 per cent. The defendant was fined \$15.

CORRUGATED IRON ON KOWLOON ROOFS.

CONTRACTORS SUMMONED THIS MORNING.

A contractor erecting a building at the junction of Nathan Road and Nelson Street appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of diverging from the approved plans by using corrugated iron for the roofing.

The defendant pleaded guilty and said that the owners desired corrugated roofing.

His Worship pointed out that as the contractor the defendant should know the law. He would be fined \$50 and further ordered to remove all illegal work.

A similar fine was imposed on a contractor who is building a house at the junction of Nathan Road and Argyle Street. He was also charged with using corrugated iron roofing.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a heavy arrival list and fair departures. There were 26 vessels entering during the 24 hours and 18 vessels leaving, of which 13 and eight respectively were British, leaving 68 in port, British 33.



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YOUNG CHINESE FINED BY MAGISTRATE.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with striking his mother, a young Chinese pickeded that she had not been too tactful in her dealings with him.

At the inconvenient hour of eight o'clock this morning she went round to his house and raised a row. On being turned out into the street by an objecting principal tenant, she blew a whistle and started the row afresh.

The woman told the Court that defendant had defrauded on the allowance he was in the habit of giving her. She admitted that she received \$12 a month from another son, but said that was hardly sufficient.

His Worship—For an old woman like you who have only to spend it on yourself, \$12 a month is not enough? (To the defendant)—It is obvious that you lost your temper and struck your mother. You are fined \$5.

To the woman who had shown an undue insistence on having the Court punish her son, his Worship observed that he was satisfied that the trouble was in a large measure caused by her own behaviour.

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"MEZZANINE FLOOR."

SHOP OCCUPIER IS FINED.

An illegal cockloft constructed on the ground floor of No. 42, Wai Ching Street, led to the appearance of the occupier before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was stated that the defendant had been served with a notice requiring him to remove the structure or to increase its height above the floor by one foot. He had failed to comply with this order.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

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CANTON AVIATION.

GENERAL CHEUNG RETURNS FROM NORTHERN FLIGHT.

Canton, Dec. 18. General Cheung Wei-cheung, head of the Canton Aviation Bureau, arrived from Nanchang at 2.15 this afternoon. Marshal Li Chai-sum was present when he arrived.

General Cheung left Canton in a Ryan plane, said to be a duplicate of the plane flown by Lindbergh across the Atlantic, on the 11th of last month and flew to Hankow. From there the journey was continued to Peking and later to Mukden.

On the return trip a stop was made at Tientsin and another at Shanghai. The trip has been a successful one throughout, the aviator being given rousing receptions at all points.

The plane, "Spirit of Canton," left Shanghai at 8.30 a.m. on the 17th and was expected in Canton that same evening, huge crowds gathering at the landing place to see the return. When, at half past eight o'clock there was no sign of the machine, grave fears were entertained of its safety. Apparently the stop at Nanchang caused the delay.

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RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain W. L. Shinn, from reserve, has gone master, Chengtu. Captain W. Shaw, of the Chengtu, has gone master, Luchow. Captain C. H. Jones, of the Luchow, is on reserve.

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer, Sinking, has gone chief officer, Chungking. Mr. K. A. Pegden, second officer, Chennan, has gone extra second officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. P. McAllister, second officer, Chengtu, has gone second officer, Wuchang. Mr. J. W. Evans, second officer, Wuchang, has gone second officer, Chengtu.

Mr. J. R. Lilley, extra chief officer, Hain Peking, has gone chief officer, Chennan. Captain D. Lupton, of the Chungking, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Swenson, second officer, Yunnan, has gone second officer, Hain Peking. Mr. F. A. Galbraith, extra second officer, Wansien, has gone second officer, Yunnan.

Mr. L. V. Rowe, chief officer, Chungking, has gone chief officer, Yungchow. Mr. R. Allinson, chief officer, Liangchow, has gone chief officer, Chungking.

Mr. L. Jones, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, Luenho. Mr. A. Pittendrigh, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hopsang. Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, Hopsang, is on reserve.

Mr. T. S. Griffiths has been appointed extra second officer, Kutwo. Mr. E. W. Coxon, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Loongwo.

Mr. P. J. Brown has been appointed extra third engineer officer, Luenho. Mr. G. W. Russell, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Tuckwo. Mr. A. T. Perry, chief engineer officer, Tuckwo, has gone chief engineer officer, Kutwo.

Mr. W. Wanderleach, third engineer officer, Luenho, is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
BLUSH, BRUSH, BRASSI, BRASS, BRADS, BEADS, BEARS, SEARS, STARS, STARE.

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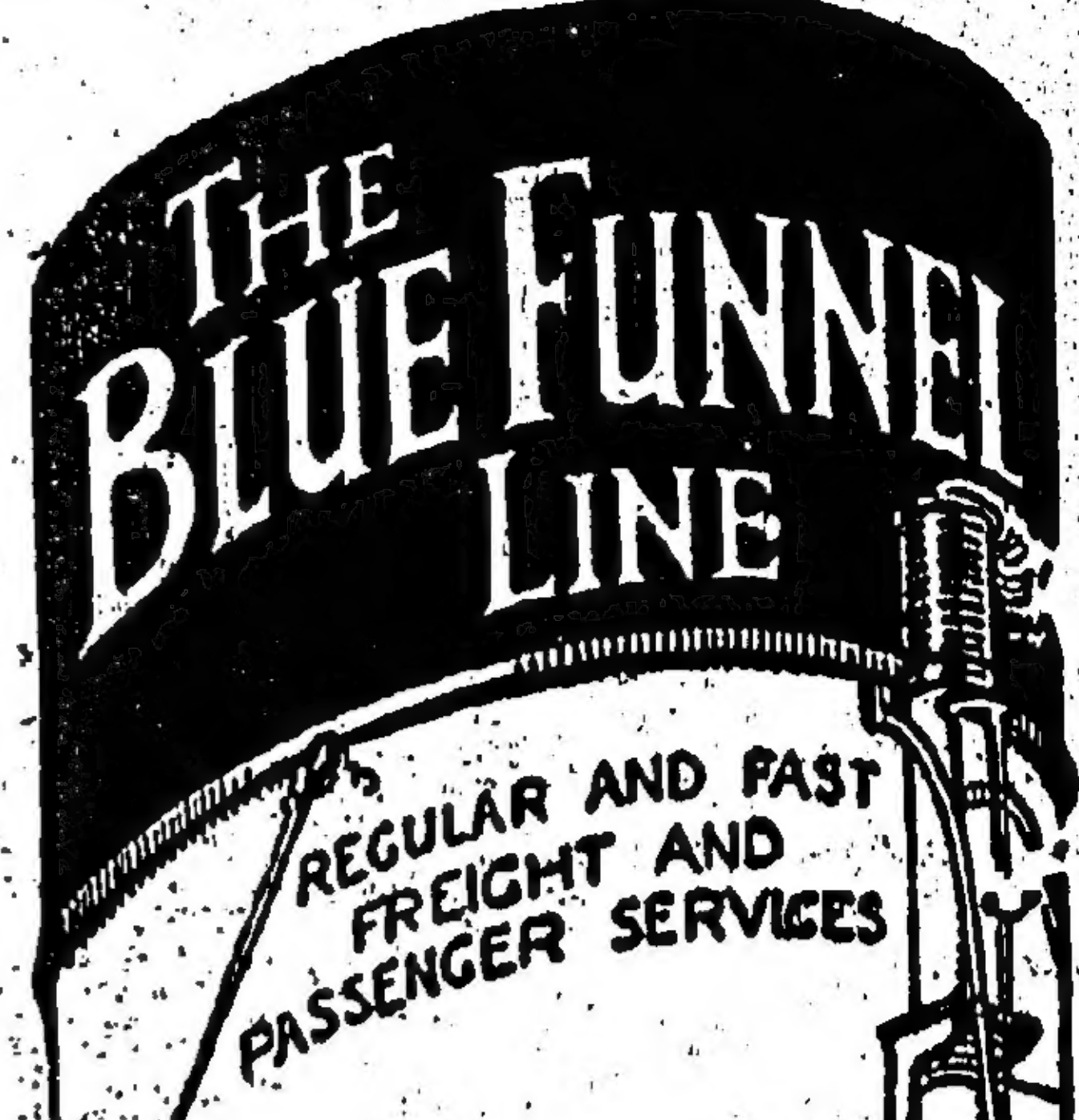
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HONGKONG ARRIVALS.

PASSENGERS ON THE PRESIDENT PIERCE.

Among the passengers on the President Pierce who arrived yesterday were Mr. Rollin L. Drake, superintendent of the Texas Co. of New York, stopping over in Hongkong on a business tour of the Far East, accompanied by Mrs. Drake and daughter; Mr. Chester Fritz, representative of the American Metal Co., Ltd. on a business trip to Hongkong; Mr. Chas. M. Gee, Manager for South China for the Anilino & Chemical Co., returning to Hongkong on a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. Charles Lewis, vice-president of the Illinois Glass Co., en route to Hongkong on a business trip; Mr. B. H. Miles, Far Eastern representative for Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating Corp. of Bloomington, Ill., stopping over in Hongkong on a business tour of the Far East; Mr. Onno Steenstra, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, on a business trip; Mr. S. P. Hau, Manager of S. D. Ren & Co., and Managing Proprietor for Wai Lum Tin Co., returning from a business trip to Shanghai; Mr. M. D. Lau, superintendent of Wing On Co., Ltd. (Shanghai), on a business trip, accompanied by Mrs. Lau; Mr. H. A. Pan, Director of Public Works at Canton, for the Nationalist Government, returning from an official visit to Nanking.

On the Hakone Maru.

Among the Hongkong passengers on the Hakone Maru due to arrive on December 23 are Mr. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. Puentes, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Goodwin, Mrs. D. I. Illingworth, Mr. F. Illingworth, Mr. G. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Lobel, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. March, Mrs. A. A. Mills, Miss E. Y. Mills, Mr. R. A. Prichard, Mr. G. P. Puchon, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Miss S. H. Tansey, Dr. A. W. Woo.

Kalyan Passengers.

Passengers on the P. and O. s.s. Kalyan due to arrive on December 21 include Mr. F. Austin, Capt. and Mrs. R. A. Angier, Mrs. Anniss, Miss Anniss, Miss E. Bottomley, Mr. P. E. Barker, Mr. C. W. Browne, Mr. E. Collings, Mr. J. Dickinson, Lt.-Comdr. A. S. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Evans, Mr. W. A. Fry, Miss C. M. Gill, Mr. R. Haynes, Mr. T. W. Hodge, Lt.-Comdr. E. E. Hill, Miss E. Lucas, Mr. A. McVean, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. S. S. C. Parsons, Mr. E. B. Reid, Mr. H. Stonell, Miss J. M. Scott, Miss F. M. Skipsey, Miss C. T. Smith.

THE LATEST MERGER.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE AMALGAMATION.

London, Dec. 18. In connexion with the agreement providing for amalgamation of the steel interests between Messrs. Vickers, Vickers-Armstrong, and Cammell Laird's, it is understood that negotiations are proceeding for the new merger company to absorb other important firms in the steel industry.

Another agreement between Vickers and Cammell Laird's provides for the amalgamation of all the railway-carriage and wagon interests of these two companies.—British Wireless.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship, "ATHOS II" Arrived Hongkong on 18th December, 1928, from MARSEILLES &c., also bringing cargo from COGNAC, LA PALICE &c., Ex. s.s. "TETUAN"

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before Thursday the 27th December, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 24th December, 1928.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1928.

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Consignees per Company's Steamer, "AENEAS" From UNITED KINGDOM via SINGAPORE,

are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 17th December.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th December, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 7th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1928.

SAFEGUARDING.

YORKSHIRE BALLOT FAVOURS THE SUGGESTION.

London, Dec. 18. The Yorkshire Worsted Spinners and Operatives Federation ballot shows a large majority in favour of the safeguarding proposal for the dress goods industry.—British Wireless.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Goods not cleared by the 22nd December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN General Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1928.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 6th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1928.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

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The Motor Vessel, "SIAM"

having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd December, 1928, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ash on 21st December, 1928, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 6th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

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Aki Maru Wednesday 23rd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

!Nagato Maru Thursday 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

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Capetown & Ports.

Kamakura Maru Saturday, 5th Jan

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

!Takaoka Maru Monday, 31st Dec.

!Tatsuno Maru Saturday, 16th Jan

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.

!Dakar Maru Friday, 21st Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

!Rangoon Maru Saturday, 29th Dec.

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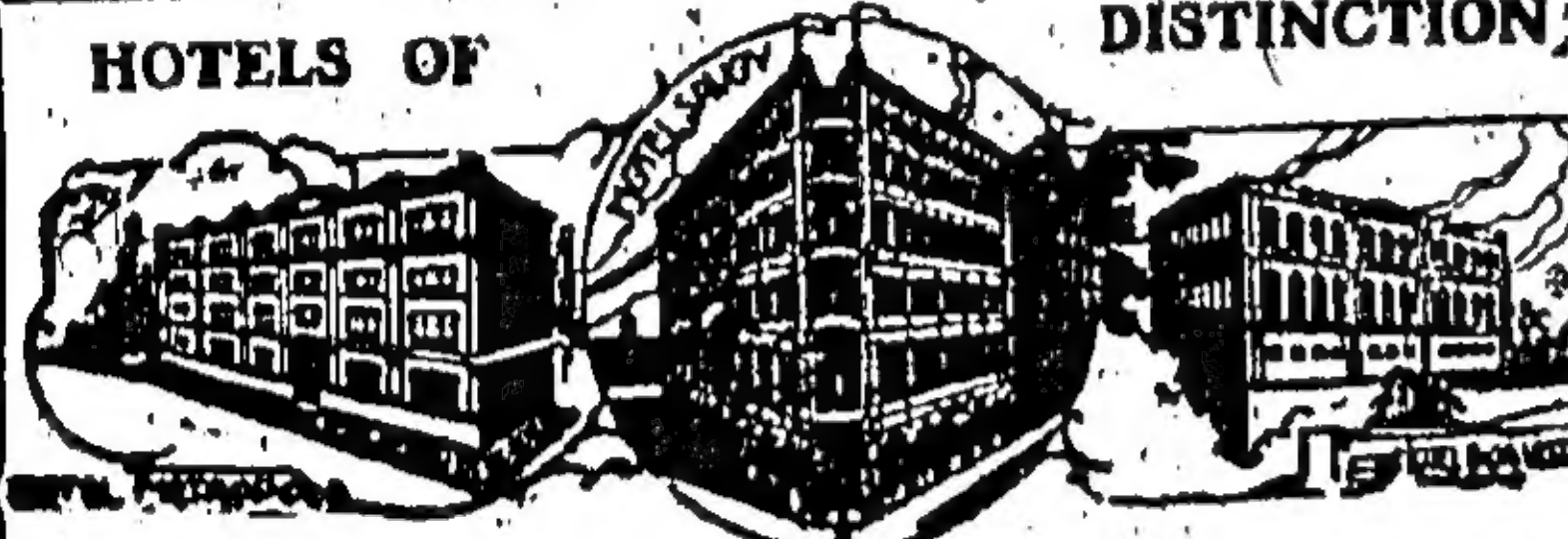
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IDENTITY PARADE PROCEDURE.

CHIEF JUSTICE WITHDRAWS HIS CRITICISM.

RULES NOW ALTERED.

Reference to the rules governing identification parades was made at the Criminal Sessions this morning, by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, in regard to his Lordship's criticism yesterday of Mr. L. K. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., Kowloon, during a robbery case.

Mr. Calthrop yesterday stated that the complainant pointed out the prisoner, but he could not swear whether the complainant actually touched him.

His Lordship pointed out that the rules were perfectly clear, laying down that a witness must touch a person for identifying purposes. He commented that the rules should be carefully observed.

This morning, Mr. Fitzroy explained that the identification rules had been amended by the C.S.P. on November 8, whereby it was only required that a suspected person be pointed out, and not necessarily touched. Mr. Calthrop had told him that he thought he was acting on the instructions, and the amendments had only just been brought to his (Mr. Fitzroy's) notice. Counsel added he had had no idea that the instructions had been altered, as they had not gone through his hands.

His Lordship said he had to assume that regulations were in force until alterations were brought to his notice. He thought alterations of that kind ought certainly to have been communicated at least to counsel. He continued that he had seemed to have been unfair to Mr. Calthrop and was sorry he criticised his conduct in that respect. Personally he attached great importance to the rules. Obviously Mr. Calthrop was not at fault and he (His Lordship) was wrong in the basis of his criticism.

When Mr. Calthrop entered the witness-box, his Lordship said that he had made a mistake yesterday. He thought it was a pity that the rules were not communicated to either counsel for the Crown or to the Court. However, it had nothing to do with Mr. Calthrop.

PARAGUAY MASSES TROOPS.

VOLUNTEER FORCES SENT TO FRONTIER.

LEAGUE CONCILIATION

Asuncion, Dec. 19.
Over fifty thousand Paraguayan volunteers have presented themselves for military service, of whom 30,000 have been accepted and enrolled.

Three battalions of volunteers have left for the northern frontier. A Paris message states that for the first time in history the wireless telephone was used last evening to obtain information to help in settling international differences, when the French Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs conferred with the French Ambassador at Buenos Aires regarding the situation in Bolivia and Paraguay.

He also communicated to the Ambassador, the instructions of M. Briand on the subject of the dispute.—*Reuter.*

Paris, Dec. 19.
Sir Eric Drummond has been conferring with M. Briand on the situation arising out of the conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay.—*Havas.*

THE UNEMPLOYED.

ANOTHER REDUCTION IN LATEST RETURNS.

London, Dec. 18.
The total number of unemployed on December 10th was 1,320,900.

This was 29,006 less than the week before, but 195,607 more than the year before.—*British Wireless.*

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the Guam typhoon has filled up. A strong anticyclone is central over N. China. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N. E. winds, strong; fine.

Owing to an outbreak of distemper, all hound fixtures in connection with the Fanning Hunt have been cancelled until further notice. There will, however, be a "Cross-Country Scramble" on Sunday.

LAND OWNERSHIP IN CHINA.

CHAMBER'S UNUSUAL PROPOSALS.

RETURN OF PROPERTY AFTER SPECIFIED TERM.

TREATY DIFFICULTY.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.
Remarkable regulations governing foreign ownership of land in China have been suggested by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai to assist the National Government in finding a way out of the difficulty which has arisen over the new Sino-Belgian and Sino-Italian treaties.

Owing to conflicting opinion on the clauses granting mutual rights of land ownership in the new treaties, the Government has postponed ratification and referred the matter to the Foreign Affairs Commission of the State Council for consideration.

Trouble over the new treaties started a week ago when one section of the Kuomintang objected to the land clause on the ground that, as a precedent had been set, it would have to be included in the treaties of larger Powers who would be able to purchase large areas of land in China and involve China in international complications. The inference, it is believed, is against Japan.

Overseas Objections.

As hints have been made that a revision of this clause might be attempted, Chinese merchants overseas have raised opposition to any alteration.

They claim that they have large interests at stake in foreign countries, and if the right to own land here is denied to foreigners, the Powers might take that step of prohibiting Chinese abroad from owning land, thereby doing much harm to the Chinese merchants.

As a possible means to solve the problem facing the Government, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has wired to Nanking suggesting that the clause in the newly drafted Sino-Belgian and Sino-Italian treaties be upheld but a condition be set that the rights of buying land for residential and trading purposes shall be enjoyed by foreigners in China only when consular jurisdiction (extraterritorial rights) are cancelled and tariff autonomy is restored to China.

Equal Treatment.

In speaking of equal treatment, China expects the friendly foreign Powers to accord her the same rights and privileges as they enjoy themselves and since China does not have extraterritorial rights in foreign countries foreign Powers should not expect to buy and own land in China for residential and trading purposes before their extraterritorial rights in this country are cancelled and China's tariff autonomy is restored.

Introduction of new land laws for the country are also suggested by the Chamber to bridge the difficulty, but the suggested laws would prohibit foreigners from buying land outright.

Main Proposals.

The following features are found in the Chamber's suggestions:

1.—That non-Chinese citizens can only open firms, godowns and residential buildings in the interior of China but no factory for any kind of manufacture will be allowed.

2.—That non-Chinese citizens shall not have any direct ownership of the land they own on which they may put up any construction. They can only hold the right of user of land in the interior of China for a limited number of years after which it shall automatically be returned to the Chinese Government.

There should also be restrictions of the amount of land to be bought by nationals of foreign countries in certain sections of the country so as to prevent unlimited purchase of Chinese territory by foreigners to the financial disadvantage of Chinese people, the Chamber's wire adds.

NO POISON GAS.

London, Dec. 18.
In the House of Commons today, Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Minister for War, stated that no part of the Army's training for offensive purposes involved the use of poison gas as a weapon of offence.—*British Wireless.*

NEW CHINESE LOAN.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
In connection with the recent proposal for a loan of \$5,000,000, which the Nationalist Finance Ministry in Nanking intends to secure from Chinese bankers here, it is understood that the loan was formally signed to-day between the parties concerned.

SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.

MAYOR DEFINITELY RESIGNS POSITION.

FOREIGNERS' FEARS.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
The Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Chang Ting-fan has definitely resigned his position and has ceased to perform his duties in spite of all efforts to placate him.

The resignation has been tendered ostensibly on the grounds of bad health following an automobile smash, but it is really due, of course, to military interference and the opium scandal.

It is expected that other prominent municipal Commissioners will follow his lead, and that Shanghai will thus lose her best brains and talents.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
The Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Chang Ting-fan, has declared that it is an impossibility for him to continue in office after the severe quarrels with Shanghai Garrison in connexion with the recent opium scandal.

It is asserted that if the Mayor were to continue his political activities in Shanghai the result will be further dissension and trouble with the military in the city.

Popular opinion says it is fairly certain that the Mayor will definitely relinquish his duties in about a week's time, proceeding to Peking, where he will assume office either as Chief-of-Staff to General Pei Chung-hai's Army or as commander of a new Division.

FRENCH TROOPS IN HONGKONG.

LEGATION GUARD FROM TIENTSIN.

The presence in town of a large number of French troops has caused a certain amount of comment, and it is now learned that they arrived from Tientsin (the seaport of Tientsin) by the s.s. Taming yesterday afternoon and are understood to be the relieved French Legation Guard.

The Harbour Office Report of the Taming gives details. The troops consisted of one battalion of the 100th French Colonial Infantry, numbering 375, of whom nine were officers, 48 warrant officers and 308 privates, with complete service kit and gear.

Arms and ammunition was registered as dangerous goods, but as the passage of armed troops through the waters of the Colony is prohibited, only 12 sentries for duty on board were allowed to retain their weapons.

The s.s. Taming, carrying 300 tons of coal as ballast, cleared for Haiphong at an early hour this morning.

CHINA & BRITAIN.

PROSPECTS OF TREATY AGREEMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
It is understood that Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, who is negotiating with the Government in Nanking on the new Customs schedule, will have his fifth session with Dr. C. T. Wang to-morrow.

The opinion is expressed in Nationalist circles that there is a possibility of the signing on the same day of the new Sino-British Tariff Treaty.

TROOP MOVEMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 18.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the evacuation of the 29th Nationalist Brigade from Chingkiang to Yangchow, en route to Nanking, and finally to its destination, Wuhu, where the Brigade will be stationed.

PORTUGAL AND CHINA.

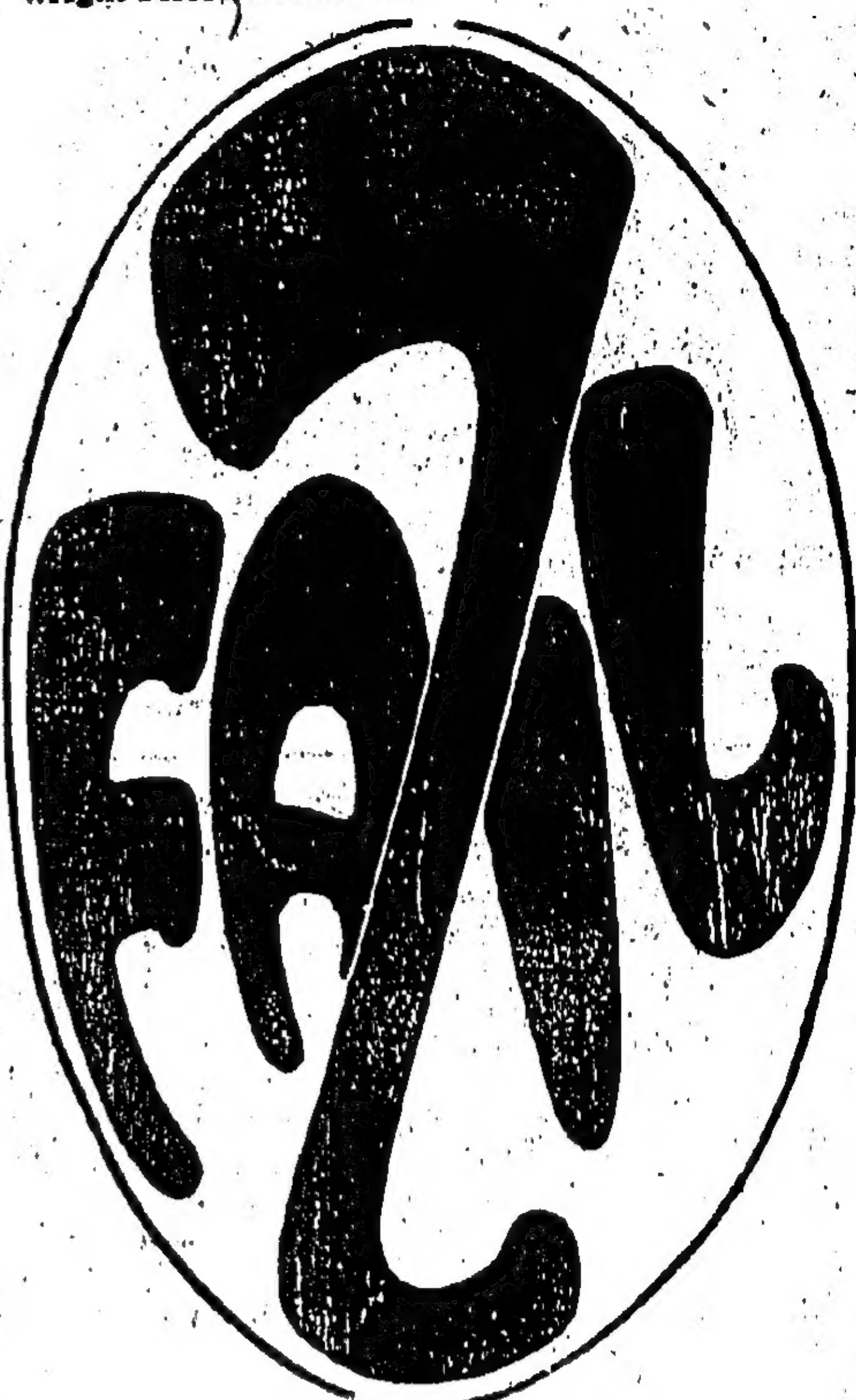
Shanghai, Dec. 18.
It is reported that the Portuguese Minister is to proceed to Nanking to-morrow evening for the negotiations and possibly signature of the new Sino-Portuguese Treaty.

MR. HOOVER FOR BRAZIL.

Montevideo, Dec. 18.
Mr. Hoover, the President-Elect of the United States, sailed this morning aboard the U.S.S. Utah for Rio de Janeiro.—*Reuter.*

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